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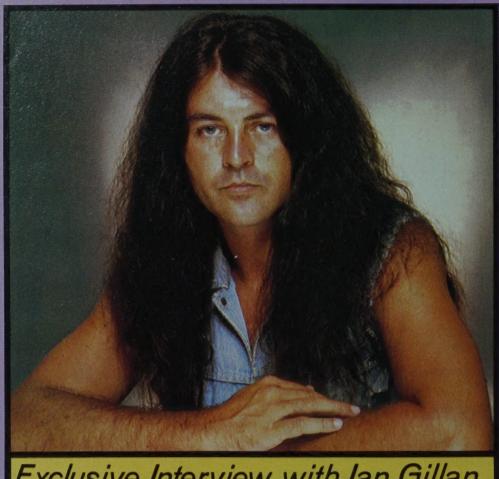
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Exclusive Interview with Ian Gillan

Ian Gillan: "When we sat down over a few drinks the chemistry was there."

Former Deep Purple Vocalist Helps Bring Sabbath Back From The Grave.

by Andy Secher

an Gillan is as surprised as anyone by the recent twists his life has taken. "I never would have believed that I would be the singer in Black Sabbath today if you had asked me a year ago," the long-haired vocalist laughed as he ironed his laundry in his flat in the outskirts of London. "I was very satisfied by the way my band (Gillan) was doing, but then things started to happen. I developed nodes on my throat, and my doctor said that it would take at least three months rest to get my health back. The other members of my band didn't want to wait three months before beginning work on another album, so they branched out on their own. That's when I decided to call it a day with that band.'

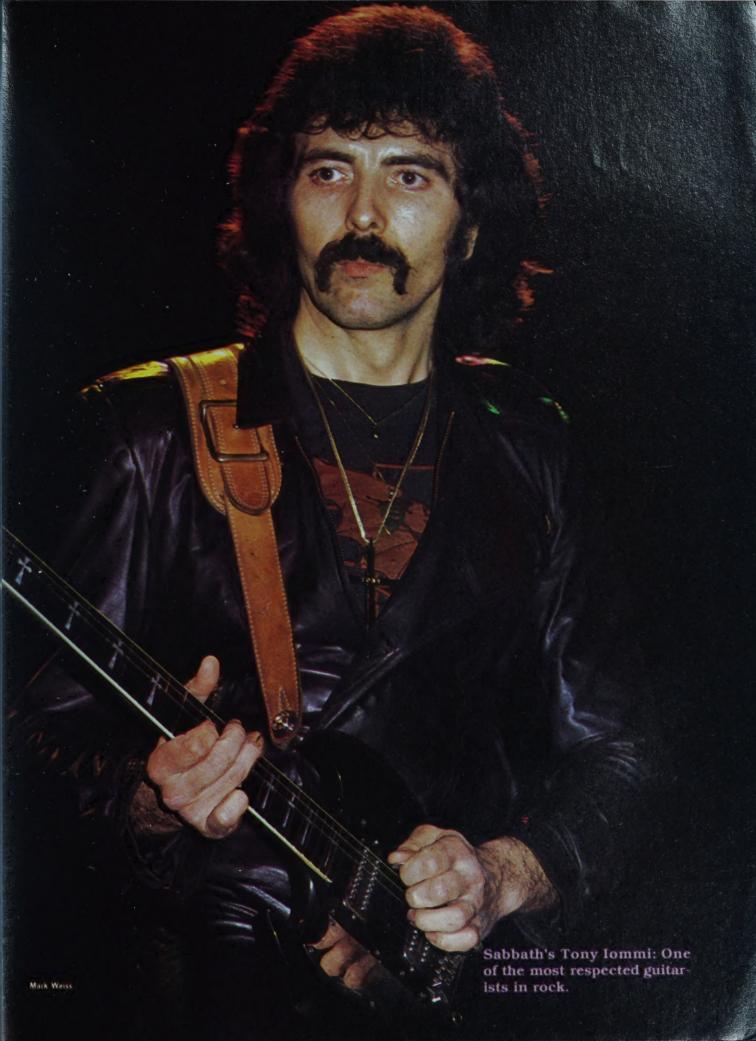
At that time Gillan thought the prospects looked good for a reunion of Deep Purple, the band he fronted during that group's halcyon days during the mid-'70s. Due to logistical and financial problems, however, those plans never came to fruition. "I thought the chances were excellent for Purple to get back together for a few gigs," he explained. "I even went to America and stayed with Ritchie (Blackmore) and Roger (Glover) for a while to work out some details. But then problems started to arise.
"Ritchie began to see that it

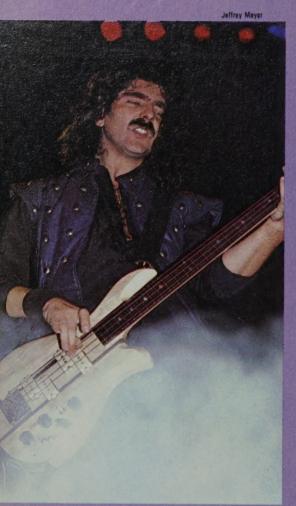
would be impossible to have a 'simple' reunion. He was asking for a flat rate of one-million dollars for every gig we were to do, and that price had been met by a number of promoters in South America. But then Ian Paice had the opportunity to join Gary Moore's band, and

Ritchie was advised to prepare material for the next Rainbow album instead of taking the time off to rehearse and tour with Purple. The idea is still viable for some time in the future, but not now — I have other things to keep me busy at the moment. I must admit that I was disappointed by the failure to get the Purple reunion together, but in retrospect it probably was the best

thing for me."
Only two weeks after the reunion plans were dissolved, lan heard through his management that Black Sabbath was interested in him as their new vocalist. He admitted to being "very surprised" by the offer at first; but after a number of meetings with guitarist Tony lommi

and bassist Terry "Geezer" Butler, the new Sabbath lineup was set. "We all agreed to meet in a decent pub and see what developed," he explained. "We





Bassist Geezer Butler: He first thought of asking Gillan to join Sabbath.

"We're not planning on this being a one-shot deal like the Purple reunion was supposed to be."

come from the same background, and we've all been involved with rock and roll for a long time, so we met on an equal footing. It wasn't like I was a newcomer and they were a legendary band. We've all seen a bit of success in our time. That first meeting lasted for 12 hours. It was really magic. I had known of Terry and Tony for a long time, but I never had the

opportunity to get to know them well. When we sat down over a few drinks and started to talk - the

chemistry was there.

Almost immediately the band agreed to venture into the studio and begin work on a new album. Long-time Sab drummer Bill Ward had rejoined the band a few weeks prior to Gillan's arrival, and with lan's addition, the "new" Sabbath was ready for action.

"Working with this band has been incredibly easy," Gillan insisted.
"I've never been able to write so easily. We went into the studio and in the first week we were able to complete six songs. My lyrics just naturally fit into their music. One day I was working on a song called Death Warmed Up and the pieces just fell together. I'm not exactly new or naive about this business, and I've gone through my dry spells with groups before; but I can honestly say that I've never experienced as creative a period as I have working with Sabbath. That's because we're each one quarter of the band. Before, either I was leading a group or was playing second fiddle to someone - I rarely was equal with the other band members.

We all have the same sense of humor and the same way of looking at the world. I don't really know that much about their problems with Ozzy Osbourne or Ronnie Dio, but I know our relationship has been very warm and exciting. I'm willing to become part of the band - I have no desire to dominate the scene. We're not going to do any of my old songs," he laughed. "I just couldn't see Sabbath playing Smoke On The Water or Child In Time on stage. On the other hand, I'll be very pleased to do the Sabbath 'anthems.' We've been practicing Paranoid every day and it's a gas - it sounds great!"

While Gillan claims ignorance to any of the past problems between Sabbath and previous vocalist Ozzy Osbourne and Ronnie James Dio, it seems inevitable that comparisons between the three will be made by Sab fans. In the wake of charges ranging from "gross misjudgment" to "stupidity" tossed at Sabbath by their former singers, Gillan knows the potential pitfalls are many

"Ozzy's a good mate of mine," he explained. "His house is just down the road. I haven't sat down with him to discuss the matter with him yet, but I'm sure we'll be lifting a few pints in the near future. I've heard from friends that he's quite happy to know that I'm in Sabbath. We respect each other — we've both survived a lot of wars in this business - and I think that we only wish each other the best, no matter what we're doing. I'm not going to

try to copy Ozzy or Ronnie. They had their style and I have mine. It just so happens that Tony and Terry had quite a bit of material they had written that they hadn't used because it didn't work with Ronnie's operatic singing style. They've dug up some of those tunes and we're working on them.
"The stuff we've done on the

album is the most commercial material Sabbath's ever done," he continued. "That's not to say that the band has sold out its roots rather, it means that the material is excellent! The writing I'm doing with the band is less complicated than the things they did with Ronnie. The gothic images and the greek mythology things have been worked to death. I'd rather get a touch more sex in there and a little

less mythology."

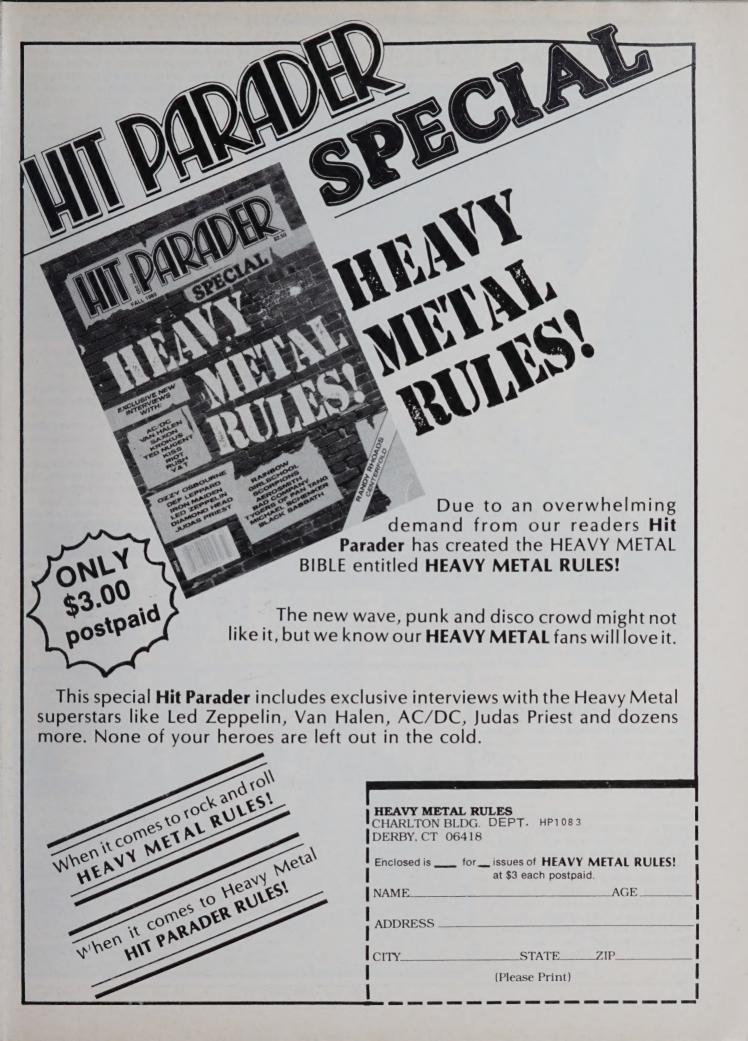
With the release of their new album, Sabbath has begun a mammoth world tour - one that will see them spending over three months traversing across the U.S. For Gillan, this return to America is particularly gratifying. Due to contractual problems, he was only able to bring the band Gillan to U.S shores on one occasion, and he labeled that brief tour as a "modest disaster.

Being able to play in America again is one of the best parts of this project," he explained. "I remember the days with Purple very well. We were playing all the big arenas and the excitement was unbelievable. American audiences are special. They're just a little crazier than anyone else. I haven't been able to play there in a couple of years because the band Gillan was on a record label (Virgin) that really wasn't distributed to the States Without record company support, it's hard to tour America properly.

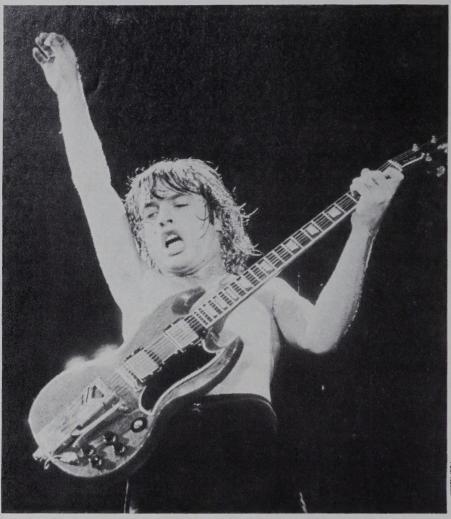
"That's one of the major advantages of my relationship with Sabbath; they're committed to touring America a number of months every year — that's what I want. I love going on the road, that's what rock and roll is really all about. I'm just so excited about the opportunity to tour again - I'm like

a kid just starting out.

In light of the incredible instability that seems to control the British metal scene (with band lineups changing from day to day), Ian feels confident that this new version of Sabbath is going to be around for a long time to come. "We're prepared for the long haul," he said with a laugh. "We're not planning on this being a one-shot deal like the Purple reunion was supposed to be. We're professionals and we're prepared to spend the next decade together, hopefully making the best hard-rock music in the world."



We Read Your Mail



I'm sick and tired of hearing people say that Black Sabbath is no good without Ozzy. Ozzy was only a part of Sabbath, not the whole band. Tony lommi, Geezer Butler and Bill Ward should also get some credit because they made the band too.

Louie Trento Japan

I get sick to my stomach reading about all those loud heavy metal groups. I was happy when your magazine wrote on Men At Work. They play good music. If more of these groups appear in the future, the rock and roll scene will look good.

A.K.H. Locain, OH

I realize this is not a snivel column, but I've got a problem. I am thoroughly addicted to Loverboy. Everything I do has to be accompanied by Loverboy, preferably cranked to maximum volume. Turn it up or turn it off, I always say. When I go to bars, it's straight to the jukebox to see if they have some Loverboy. If they haven't got it, I don't go back to that bar. I spend hours waiting to see Loverboy on Music Television. I want to go to bed thinking about Paul Dean and Mike Reno. Please tell them.

Obsessed with Loverboy Fond du Lac, WI

(Above) Angus Young of AC/DC: One reader thinks he's a "talentless wimp."

(Below) Men At Work: They make the rock and roll scene look good.

Where does Ronnie James Dio get off saying, "Bands like Saxon, Iron Maiden and Def Leppard aren't doing anything new with music?" These are three of the best heavy metal bands around. How would Dio know anything about heavy metal music anyway when he listens to Bach and Beethoven? He calls himself a heavy metal singer?

Alan Voss Waukesha, WI

What's the matter with rock and roll today? All these once heavy metal bands playing Top 40 bullshit, trying to shoot for a hit single. Where is their dignity as musicians? I can't see any connection between Van Halen's Runnin' With The Devil and Dancing In The Streets. Van Halen, you lost yourself a loyal fan; no one should degrade themselves for a hit single.

Sean Welsh Gulf Breeze, FL

You really should have a nude centerfold of the sexiest hunks of all — Rob Halford and K.K. Downing of Judas Priest and Bruce Dickinson of Iron Maiden.

> Mary Aviles Baltimore, MD

If you ever start giving out phone numbers, I want Robert Plant's. Man, I'd give anything for just one night with him!

Cris Crivaro Malaga, NJ

Ha! I love it. While you guys argue about talentless wimps like AC/DC and Van Halen, I sit back knowing damn well that the Rolling Stones are the world's greatest rock and roll band.

Teel Tomasella Plymouth, MA

Recently, this magazine spent time on Satan In Rock, so I listened to some records backwards like a jerk and I found some subliminal messages that have been overlooked. Rock-N-Roll Ain't Noise Pollution backwards is "Xqerzzy &*we 1hg)5## which, loosely translated from Martian Lebaneese, means "you're really an asshole if you're listening to this backwards." You Can't

Laura Levine





Rush: Are they more interesting than the Stray Cats?

Kill Rock-N-Roll backwards is "Mlkaz yydfer szq uuiop D½@" which, when translated from Circusanian Exclusei, means "what kind of fool are you looking for Satanic messages here?"
Long Live Rock backwards is "Kutjiop ¢\$-sbg¼"; when translated from its Tewanian Zeopote origin this phrase means "Get stuffed, you S.O.B." Take the hint you moral morality geeks! Don't knock it just because you can't handle it.

Uncle Buck

Last year, a Japanese car company sponsored a competition to see who could walk across the water on Tokyo Bay. A Buddist monk, Ace Frehley and Randy Rhoads were the contestants. With throngs cheering him on, the monk went first, but unfortunately sunk after only a few steps. Ace went next. He very slowly walked about 50 yards out into Tokyo Bay, turned around and edged him way back. The Kiss fans went wild. They were soon silenced, however, when Randy Rhoads picked up his polka-dotted Flying V and sprinted

out into Tokyo Bay for about 300 yards, smashed his axe on a passing oil tanker and sprinted back to shore. The disciples of the Blizzard went totally nuts. Afterwards, Ace walked up to Randy and said, "I kind of feel bad for the monk, Randy, we should have told him about the stepping stones." Randy replied, "What stepping stones?" The moral: Randy ruled, Randy rules, Randy will always rule.

R.M. Cushman Holbrook, MA

I'm sick of always seeing articles on stupid groups as Rush and AC/DC. You should start writing articles about the super Stray Cats. They are the greatest, and they're much more interesting to read about and look at than most of the shitty groups you feature. Anyone who doesn't like the Stray Cats can go to hell!

Susan Levy Centerbeach, NY

I've liked Van Halen ever since the first time I heard Runnin' With The Devil. I guess the reason Van Halen is my favorite is because of David Lee Roth's sexy voice — and his voice is not all I think is sexy. He's got one of the greatest bodies I've ever seen in my life.

Robin Weber Fresno, CA

Here are a few words to you assholes who hate heavy metal. Heavy metal has and always will be the most challenging music in all of rock and roll. So pull your head out of your ass and smell the goddamn roses. More power to heavy metal

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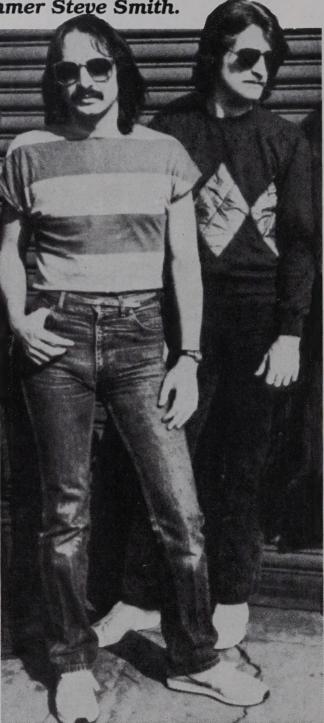
by Andy Secher

teve Smith and Ross Valory are often the forgotten parts of Journey's high-powered rock and roll machine. But, as guitarist Neal Schon was quick to explain, Smith's powerhouse drumming and Valory's rock-solid bass riffs are "the engine that keep us going."

Despite their lack of public acclaim, both Steve and Ross have grown to accept their fate. "I'm not up there to steal the spot-light," Valory said as a smile creased his tanned face. "Hell, I'll leave that to Schon and Perry. I've never needed that much attention to keep me going. I'm more interested in making sure the right notes are played and that the music's coming across properly. I've been in this business too long to start changing my attitudes

Valory's musical history stretches back nearly two decades to when he was the bassist and leader of an early, San Francisco-based pop band called Frumious Bandersnatch. When that group disbanded due to "a lack of public interest," Valory wandered around his native Bay Area, playing in a succession of bands that ranged from progressive jazz ensembles to bubblegum-pop aggregations.

"That was a learning experience. Every band I was in, and every musician I played with, had something that was new and different to offer. I was really into expanding my skills at that time, and I didn't shy away from playing any type of music. I'm very glad I did that because it prepared me for the variety of music that we've played in this band



Steve Smith (left) and Ross Valory: Journey's powerhouse rhythm section.

over the years. When we first got together in 1973 we were very much a free-form rock band with a lot of jamming and a lot of energy. When that style

didn't get too much attention we switched to a more regimented sound. I feel ready to handle anything that's asked of me musically."

In addition to his role in Journey, Valory recently completed work on a video project entitled *The New Avocado Review*. "It's really some wild and crazy stuff," Ross explained in rapid-fire patter. "I'm really into film, and this project let me live out some of my wilder fantasies. It's got quite a lot of backstage footage in it, and a lot of satirical stuff about rock and roll. I'm hoping to get it on something like MTV, or even into theaters for the midnight shows."

In sharp contrast to Ross' bubbly personality, drummer Steve Smith is Journey's quietest member. 'I'm not really shy," the soft-spoken stick man said in a carefully worded manner. "I'm just not as outgoing as some of the other guys." Smith's path to Journey's promised land was a long and often winding musical trail. During his decade-long career in rock and roll, this Massachusetts native has performed with a variety of jazz bands, as well as playing in the heavy metal unit Montrose a few years back. In fact, it was during his stint with Montrose that Journey discovered

"We were opening for Journey during one of their tours," Steve explained. "They were having some troubles with the guy who was playing drums for them at the time (Aynsley Dunbar), so after the tour they asked me to join. At first I didn't know if I wanted to do it. My background was basically jazz, and I viewed Journey as a hard-rock band. Of course, I'm very glad I joined."

To fulfill his love for jazz, Smith recently released an LP. Vital Information. which features a number of Boston-area musicians that Steve played with during his younger days. The band started out as just a project to have some fun with; but as we kept practicing and writing material, we saw that the music was really good. That's when we decided to do a record. Even if it becomes successful, I have no desire to leave Journey. As long as I can have an outlet like this every once in a while, I think I have the best job in the world."

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Heavy metal happening

by Andy Secher

Despite rumors of heart problems and serious illness. Ozzy Osbourne swears that he's in peak health. "I've never felt better." his Ozzness reported from his home in the outskirts of London. "I collapsed on stage a few months back, and since then everyone's assumed that I'm about to croak. All I needed was a bit of rest. When we finished that tour, I took some time off to relax and finish Bark At The Moon. Now all I want to do is get back to working my ass off on the road."

Aerosmith recently commissioned the building of a huge stage set that spelled out the band's name in flashing lights. Upon seeing the finished work, however, the band realized that the glittering set didn't exactly fit their image. "It looked like a reject from some Las Vegas revue," bassist Tom Hamilton explained. "It was disgusting. We thought it was a good idea, but it ended up looking like the set for the Match Game. I expected some guy to walk out any minute and start introducing celebrity panelists."

Former Iron Maiden drummer Clive Burr has resurfaced as the skin beater with French rockers Trust. Ironically, that band's former drummer, Nicko McBrain,

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It seems that more Rainbow breakup stories have popped up in Europe. Evidently, Ritchie Blackmore has begun to once again reshuffle his band's lineup, causing a number of British scribes to project that Rainbow has reached the end of the trail. "That's totally untrue," a spokesman for Rainbow stated. "Nobody, maybe not even Ritchie, knows exactly who's going to be in the band for the new album. The group is currently in Europe recording, and an album should be out by the time you read this. Rainbow is still very much together."



emerged as Burr's replacement in Maiden. "Clive just didn't want to tour as much as we wanted to," Maiden's Steve Harris told HMH's London contact. Jack the Ripper. "He's a great drummer and a good friend, so we only wish him the best. We all hope he can work out his personal problems so that he can get back into music full-time."

Quiet Riot bassist Rudy Sarzo is thrilled by the public

acceptance of his band's recent album, Metal Health.

joined Ozzy Osbourne's band after he had recorded his albums, and I had been a member of the original Quiet Riot (with Randy Rhoads) only after they had done their first two records. It's quite exciting to be part of an album project, especially one that's as good as this." -----

"Actually, I'd never been on a studio album before. I

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According to Krokus' Marc Storace, the boys from Switzerland got a big kick out of opening for Def Leppard on the Lep's recent U.S. tour. "We kept them on their toes," the loquacious Storace explained. "We went out there every night trying to win over the audience. We had a very friendly rivalry with the guys in Def Leppard. We respect them very much. But we think we're a great band too, and we wanted as many people as possible to see what we could do. It worked out well for both Leppard and for us. Maybe next time we'll come over to America and headline our own shows.

Krokus

Former Bad Company vocalist Paul Rodgers reports that his new solo album was one of the most satisfying

> Heavy Metal Headscratcher

What famous heavy metal musician first discovered Van Halen and produced their demo tape?

Rumor has it that German metal masters Accept have been signed to a major Stateside record deal. One problem, however, is that the band has undergone some personnel changes and until their lineup is set, they refuse to record a new album.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S 'SCRATCHER: Before finding Robert Plant, Jimmy Page wanted Terry Reid to be the vocalist in Led Zeppelin (then the New Yardbirds). While Reid would have gladly joined up with Page, he was committed to a solo tour of Europe at that time, forcing Page to search for another singer.

Letter of the Month

Dear Andy,

I've been an AC/DC fan for over three years. I have all their records, even the ones with Bon Scott, and I saw them when they played in New York last year. I have one question: how did Bon Scott die? A friend told me that he was a drug addict, while another friend said that he never touched drugs. Who's telling me the truth? I really must know.

Thank you, Dorothy P. Trenton, NJ

Dear Dorothy,

Apparently Bon Scott froze to death in his car. According to sources who were with him that night, Scott had spent the evening drinking rather heavily in a number of London pubs, and instead of trying to make it home he decided to sleep in his car. Due to the high alcohol concentration in his blood, and a sudden drop in temperature, Scott suffered from hypothermia, and died.

To answer the second part of your question, no, Bon Scott was not a drug addict. While he occasionally drank more than a healthy amount, he, along with the other members of AC/DC, were vehemently anti-

drugs.

records he's ever done. "When you play all the instruments, do all the singing and write all the songs, you'd better like what you're doing," Rodgers joked. "After all, there's no one else to blame. Actually, I still love working in a group concept, but I wanted to do this album, and it just worked out that I did everything myself. I plan on being involved with a band, perhaps even Bad Company, in the near future."

Def Leppard's Steve Clark says that being a famous rock and roll star isn't everything it's cracked up to be. "There's no money in it," the blond axe-slinger said with a laugh as he held open his barren wallet. "I hope someone in our organization is seeing some of the money 'cause I know we're not. We have to borrow from the road manager if we want to stop off at a

hamburger place after a gig. It's a little embarrassing, but it helps us keep our heads on straight. Shit, I don't know what I'd do with all the money anyway. I'd probably end up spending it all on booze and women."

Triumph have enjoyed their greatest successes in the wake of **Never Surrender**'s strong showing. Rik Emmett, Mike Levine and Gil Moore played a sold-out show at New York's Nassau Coliseum recently, marking the first time the Toronto trio have broken through in the New York market. "We've never been that strong in the New York area," Rik Emmett explained. "In fact, up until last year we never even played there. But this time we figured we'd try it, and the results were great. Maybe next year we'll be able to try Madison Square Garden."



The late Bon Scott: His fondness for alcohol did him in.

Anyone wishing to contact either Jimmy Page, Robert Plant or John Paul Jones can do so by dropping a line to their record company. Write to: Swan Song Records, 444 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Since the ex-Zeppelin members own Swan Song, their management promises that all letters will be forwarded directly to Messrs. Plant, Page and Jones.

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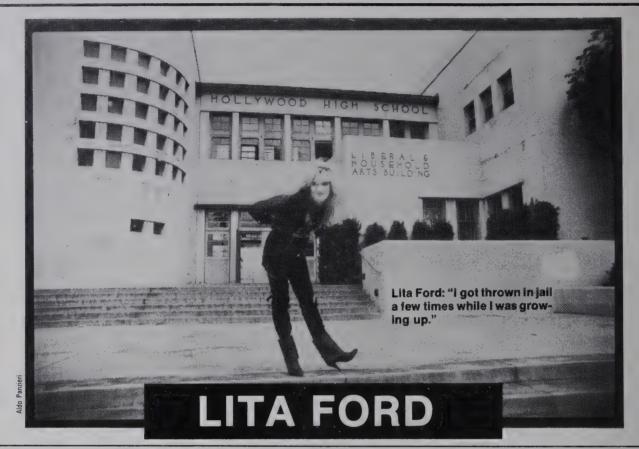
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Roots

by Marc Shapiro



Each month, *Hit Parader* takes a rock star back to their old neighborhood. This month we journey to Los Angeles with Lita Ford, whose *Out For Blood* LP is a monster.

y parents really did care about me. They gave me everything I ever wanted. But they also beat the shit out of me when I came home fucked up."

On the surface, Lita Ford's yin and yang description of her parents doesn't differ too much from the tales told by other kids. But what Lita claims gives Mr. and Mrs. Ford extra high marks in the upbringing department was that, during her early years in Long Beach and Hollywood, California, they had to contend with a young daughter who had just one thing on her mind: rock and roll.

Lita, a former member of the pioneering allgirl rock and roll band, the Runaways, is currently progressing nicely with a solo career. She has actively pursued the rock and roll lifestyle since age 11 and, rather than balk at her heavy metal ambitions, her parents collectively pushed her into it.

"They told me to go for it," Lita remembers. "The biggest indication I had that my parents were behind me was when Kim Fowley (a Los Angeles rock impresario) called me when I was 15. He gave me this bizarre rap about joining the Runaways and headlining the biggest concert halls in a year. I put down the phone, turned to my mother and said, 'who is this guy — some kind of pervert?' My mother said, 'Go Lita, go down to Hollywood and play with the girls.'

Lita took her mother's advice, and the Runaway's meteoric rise in popularity subsequently put the final nail in the coffin of Ford's high school career.

"I was only going to school about two or three days a week at that time anyway," recalls Lita, "and even when I did go I spent more time explaining why I had missed school (usually because of press interviews or gigs) than actually learning anything."

But Lita's teachers were so impressed with her celebrity status that they fudged passing grades so she could graduate from high school. "But my father had to go down to the school to pick up my diploma because I was on tour with the Runaways on the day my class graduated," laughs Lita.

It was just as well because Lita really admits that rock made her an outcast.

"Go to the prom? Shit! You've got to be kidding! The only people I even hung out with from school were male musicians. I had no female friends —maybe because they thought I

was trying to come onto them. I had a couple of boyfriends around that time but I wasn't as interested in coming on to them as I was playing music with them."

Lita says that her propensity for hanging out, usually on street corners with the guys, occasionally resulted in a run-in with the law.

"It was illegal in our neighborhood to hang out on somebody's property and, as a result, I got thrown in jail a few times for loitering. My parents would have to come down to the jail and bail me out. When that would happen, my old man would tell me that I was a pain in the ass. But he cared — both my parents did."

Lita admits that her early dedication to rock and roll probably cost her dearly in terms of what most people would consider a normal growing-up process. But she just as quickly counters that she didn't miss it.

"There was nothing to miss," says Lita. "I learned more about the world doing what I did than most 16-year-old girls could ever dream about. Usually all girls at that age dream about is going to college or dating the guy that lives down the block; that's it for them. I had toured the world before I was 20 years old.

"I didn't miss a thing but maybe they did."



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Legendary Vocalist Sets Out On First Solo Concert Tour Behind

Principle Of Moments.

by terry whitfield

t feels somewhat strange to be going out on tour again, Robert Plant stated. "It's been quite a while since I've been on the tiles, and going out there without Jimmy, John Paul and Bonzo will be difficult to say the least. But it's something I feel I must do. I've got to concentrate on looking forward instead of behind. Zeppelin is a thing of the past. There may be people out there who never saw me perform with Zeppelin, and they may not know me or perhaps they know me only from my solo work; they're the ones I must prove myself

It's hard to believe that anyone who hasn't lived in a fallout shelter for the past 15 years isn't aware of the accomplishments of Robert Plant. As lead vocalist for one of rock's most hallowed groups, Led Zeppelin, the lionine-tressed belter helped establish the definitive hardrock look and sound. In the wake of Zeppelin's untimely demise, Plant has turned his attentions toward a solo career, and following the release of his second post-Zep LP he has undertaken his first concert tour in nearly six years.

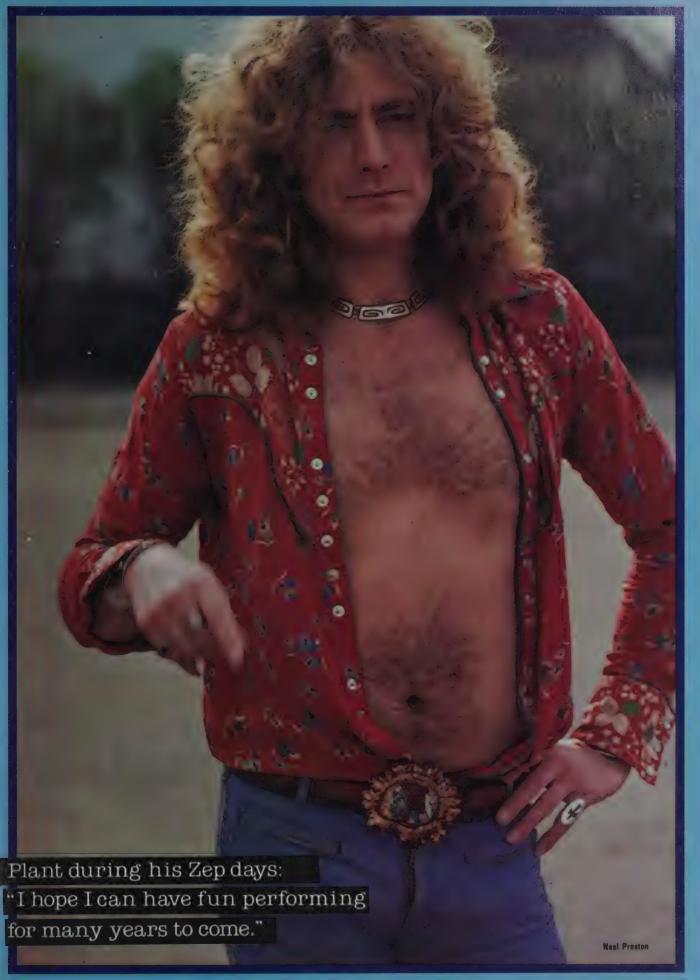


Robert Plant on stage: "I imagine performing is somewhat similar to riding a bicycle — once you learn you never forget."

"The stage is magic. About a year ago Jimmy Page and I went on stage with Foreigner for a few minutes in Germany. The feeling you get once you go underneath the spotlights is electric. I wasn't sure if I'd remember what to do once I got out there," he laughed, "but I imagine performing is somewhat similar to riding a bicycle - once you learn, you never forget. I remember that we jammed on one song and then walked off. My feet, however, seemed to have a life of their own. They wanted to walk back out there - back to where the excitement was. That was one of

the moments that convinced me that I'd have to go on the road again. There's something about it that no amount of recording can replace.

On his current road jaunt Plant has chosen to rely on the band with which he has recorded both of his solo albums. In addition to bassist Jeff Woodroffe and guitarist Robbie Blunt, Plant has been joined by Genesis drummer/vocalist Phil Collins, whose precise stick work and powerful backing vocals have added an extra dimension to Plant's in-concert presentation. Discussing how his liaison with Plant came



about, Collins explained, "I've always admired and wanted to work with him. When that opportunity came on the Pictures At Eleven

album, I jumped at it.
"I told Robert then that if and when he decided to go on the road I'd welcome the opportunity to play with him," Collins added. "We've discussed it on and off for the last year, but between my commitments to Genesis and my own solo projects, my schedule was well booked. Then Robert made a surprise showing at one of my concerts last spring, and the excitement that was there when he walked out on stage convinced me that I had to work with him if at all possible. He didn't even sing - he just walked out and waved to the crowd and they went crazy! Robert is a very unique and special talent." Born August 20, 1948 in

Bromwich, Staffordshire, (England), from his earliest days, Robert Anthony Plant has walked to the beat of his own drummer. Even as a teenager Plant recalled being "a little different." While many of his friends wore short hair in the early '60s, Robert decided to set fashion trends rather than follow them.

"When I was about 13, all of a sudden I started liking girls. I wanted to attract their attention, and the best way I could figure to do that was grow my hair. That wasn't what most people were doing in 1961, but I didn't care. It flopped down over my ears, and my parents demanded that I chop it off. But I kept growing it back and joining pop bands. I was supposed to start training as an accountant, but I suddenly decided the direction I really wanted to go in. I loved music. My parents, of course, tried to discourage me, and, in fact, I really only went home at nights because my hair was so long and my parents were very unhappy with

By the time he was 16 Plant left home and sojourned to Birmingham, England, where he played for a number of years in a "psychedelic pop" group, Band of Joy, which featured a drummer named John Henry Bonham. Dressed in flowing caftan robes, with a scruffy beard in addition to his long blond tresses, on stage Plant made quite an impression on everyone who saw him. One of those was Jimmy Page, who envisioned this charismatic figure with the piercing blues wail as the perfect frontman for his new band,

Led Zeppelin.

"I remember the first time I met Jimmy Page," Plant recalled. "I had, of course, heard of him because of the Yardbirds, but he came up to me and very matter-of-factly introduced himself and asked me if I wanted to be part of his new band. At first I didn't know what to say. Luckily my head quickly cleared and I was able to stammer out that i would like to. In retrospect," he laughed, "I think I may have made a wise decision."

Over the next decade Plant was to be involved in creating many of rock's most influential and popular songs. From the burning power of Whole Lotta Love to the blissful energy of Stairway To Heaven, Led Zeppelin was, quite simply, the ultimate rock and roll band. Their three-hour concert extravaganzas, filled with incredible solos and mind-shattering pyrotechnics, became some of the hottest tickets in rock history, selling out arenas from Bangkok to Boston. Then,

suddenly, in 1980, the Zeppelin metal machine came to a grinding and unexpected halt with the death of John Bonham. Plant admitted that he still hasn't recovered from the shock of Bonham's passing.

"Bonzo was so special. He was a good mate as well as an incredible musician," he said. "The way he played on those records was awesome; it was like dynamite. We never gave any thought to replacing him. We never could have been half as good as before, no matter how great another drummer may have

One story that continues to circulate indicates that at one point the three surviving Zeppelin members considered hiring another



The Principle of Moments was "a most exciting project", according to Plant.

drummer - John Bonham's son Jason. While Plant scoffed at the notion of Zeppelin continuing with Jason Bonham, he did explain how

the rumor started.

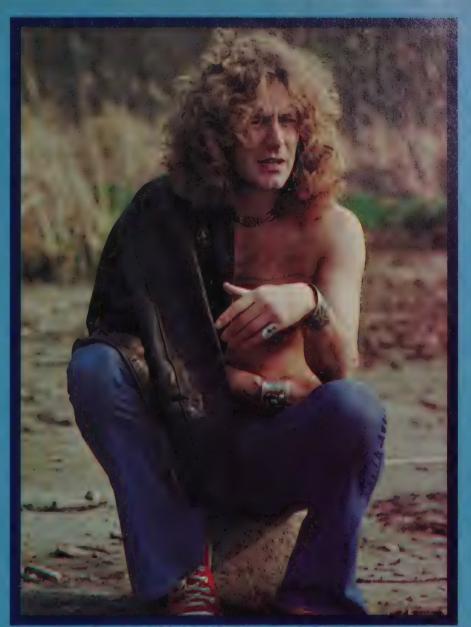
"We were doing a sound check for the Knebworth Festival," Plant told MTV. "Three days before the gig we went down to the festival site and Jason came with us. He played with the band while Bonzo went out front to hear what it was like. It was great, and it was funny because he really hit the drums. But at the same time, the sound engineers were wacking the sound up to something like 100,000 watts. That night with Jason we had complaints from seven miles away.
It was loud, and he had really
contributed to the cause of the complaints. It was great, but then he had to go back to school. He's a great kid, a great drummer. I hope he does well.

Following the demise of Zeppelin, Plant went into seclusion to "get my head together" and sort out his musical options. For the better part of two years he remained a musical recluse, popping up for an occasional gig with a band called the Honey Drippers, but refusing to go into the recording studio or on tour. "The Honey Drippers were great fun," he said. "It was a blues band I got together with Robbie Blunt, and we'd just throw some gear into a car and head off for a club. We never really rehearsed — maybe once or twice — but that didn't matter. The looseness was part of the fun. The biggest crowd we played for was 125 people. That was quite a difference from the last Zeppelin gig where we played to something like 250,000 people at Knebworth.'

Once Plant began reinitiating himself into the rock mainstream by performing with the Honey Drippers, the idea of recording and touring began to seem more and more feasible. Finally, he rounded up Blunt and other musical associates, and headed into the studio to begin work on his debut solo album, Pictures At Eleven. Despite the album's Top 10 success, Plant refused to tour in

support of the record.
"What would I have played?" he

asked. "Touring was never even a consideration after the first album. We only had 45 minutes worth of material, and I didn't want to perform at all if I couldn't put on a show I was satisfied with. I didn't want to play any of the blues songs we did with the Honey Drippers, and I surely wasn't about to perform any Zeppelin tunes, so my only alternative was to not tour until I had recorded another album. Now that I've done that, I feel that we can put on a show that will give the people their money's worth.



Robert Plant: "I never tried to act sexy. It's just that none of my clothes fit properly.

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Judging by rehearsals and the band's early performances, it seems that Plant has lost none of his vocal dynamics or his in-concert magic. As Phil Collins explained, "Just standing on stage with Robert can send chills up and down your spine. He has so much energy and so much vitality that it seems to exude out of him. He's one of the great resources that rock and roll has.'

It also seems that at the ripe old age of 35, Plant has lost none of his sex appeal. While he admitted that "the guys used to come to watch Jimmy play guitar and the girls, I imagine, used to come watch me," he remains surprised by the fact that his good looks continue to play a role in his success. "I never

purposely try to act in an overt fashion," he laughed. "It's just that none of my clothes fit properly. I mean it's a lot of fun bouncing around on stage and having the kids get off on it, but it's hard to take it that seriously.

"I hope I can keep having fun performing for many years to come," he added. "I feel stronger than ever vocally, and I've anticipated this tour with more enthusiasm than anything since the early Zeppelin shows. There's a feeling that this is the start of something new that I find very appealing. I've been rewarded by the support the fans have given me - especially in the purchasing of my albums. I'm sure some of the people who bought them are too young to even have seen me perform with Zeppelin. Those are the people I want to reach with this tour. I want to give them back some of the pleasure they've given to me over the years."□

ROBIN ZANDER

Cheap Trick

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at the crossroads



Cheap Trick Cheap Trick

Cheap Trick (left to right): Robin Zander, Rick Nielsen, Jon Brant and Bun E. Carlos.

Midwestern Quartet Release Their Most Important Album.

by Cary Baker

elcome to Rockford, Illinois. The inland burg is barely recognizable as the second largest city in any state. As in a Grand Rapids or a Rochester or a Fresno, life goes on, day in and day out. This is the life they don't show you on NBC News Overnight. On the other hand, rest assured that the malignant yellow splotches on a Rand-McNally road map probably indicate concentrations of intelligent life.

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Imagine, then, that you're picking up your Rockford Morning Star, a bottle of Pepsi and a carton of Winstons at your nearby 7-11. In jogs a gangly, marionette-like figure wearing a baseball cap, single earring about as glamorous as a paper clip and serious running shoes. It's Rick Nielsen, Rockford's friendly neighborhood superstar.

"Hey, Rick, right on!" nods a curvaceous 19-year-old whose '76 Trans Am is idling in the parking lot.

"Hey," chirps Rick, his gallon of low-fat milk bagged to go. He jogs back to his house to re-mix the theme song for **Spring Break**, a film which the Trans Am, its owner and her date would later view as a threesome at the Belvidere Drive-In.

Slices of life in the city where nothing much happens.

"I don't think anything of it," says Cheap Trick's spindly guitarist and songsmith, whose group couples with defeated presidential candidate John Anderson to form Rockford's only real national celebs. "It's everyone else that makes a big deal of it. Or no big deal of it."

We simply express our surprise that the foursome would choose to inhabit Rockford rather than an industry center like L.A. or New York. Or a glamor spot like Bel-Air.

"You mean this isn't?" jests
Nielsen, who spends the summer
day we meet sprawled on a
backyard hammock. "Gee, I
screwed up. No wonder no one's
been coming around here. I've been
telling them all this time that I live
in Bel-Air."

It's just as well that they think so. Nielsen, an onstage extrovert. prefers to keep to himself on his palatial estate, which sits on a hill overlooking the Rock River. The house was built in the 1860s by one of Rockford's founding fathers who played host to the likes of Clarence Darrow ("he used to shoot billiards in my dining room") and Abraham Lincoln, himself a Prairie State native. Just last year, Nielsen placed his house in the National Registry of Historical Sites. As he explains its pedigree, a train whistle sounds from the depths of the Rock River Valley.

"Abe's probably on that train," deadpans Rick. "He's still trying to get out those votes. He's been so busy, he hasn't heard about TV."

Rick Nielsen has not only heard about TV, he's used it to his full advantage. From not-ready-for-prime-time nutcrackers like The Ballad Of TV Violence to the ambitious three-dimensional video created to accompany the band's latest LP, 3-D, Nielsen is every inch a living cartoon.

3-D is in the Tricksters' tradition of working with heavy-duty producers; Todd Rundgren contributing his studio savvy this time out. For an album that almost got called 8½ (Fellini references aside, it's their eighth LP, but record number 8½ if one is to count their 10-inch Nu-Disk of 1980), Cheap Trick looks back on working relationships with several heavyweights over their eight-and-a-half LP tenure: Roy Thomas Baker, George Martin, Jack Douglas, Tom Werman and Ian Taylor.

Nielsen's acquaintanceship with Rundgren began in 1969. It was then that they met at the Marquis Club in L.A.; Todd was accompanied by Miss Christine of the GTO's, the first-ever groupiesturned-band. Through Todd, Rick later hooked up with Thom Mooney and Stewkey of Rundgren's group—the Nazz—who moved to Rockford in the mid-'70s to form the legendary but never-recorded Sick

Man Of Europe, forerunners to Cheap Trick.

Nielsen and Rundgren were reintroduced in '77 at an outdoor concert in Rockford. And a full five years later, the Tricksters received a call from Todd's manager, saying "Todd's always wanted to work with you."

"Sounds like a good idea — why didn't we think of it?" Nielsen responded, and the band set upon recording 20-odd songs for a demo. At Todd's Mink Hollow studio near Bearsville, New York, they cut 16 tunes in all, one of them a Rundgren original entitled Heaven's Falling.

Working with a producer who doubles as a recording artist and software developer was a fruitful switch of gear for the group.

"That's not to say that George Martin isn't an excellent musician. We were able to intelligently discuss music," says Rick. "And I like Roy (Baker) a lot, too. But he'd say, 'I don't like it' and leave it at that. We'd ask, 'What's wrong?' and he'd just say, 'I don't like it. Let's take it up in the morning.' With Todd, if he didn't like something, he could tell you why in definitive, decisive, ready-to-hone-in terms.

"Todd electronically effects things that get our sounds where they should be, whereas with a lot of records we've made, we've taken forever to get a drum sound," he adds. "It took us one month to record, mix, remix and master. We took two days off in that month, and worked 1-7 p.m. daily because we wanted to watch the Chicago mayoral race on the news."

Rundgren also sat in on keyboards (heretofore the province of Nielsen, studio musician Jai Winding, or manager Ken Adamany). Sometimes, Todd played the right-hand parts while Nielsen played the left-hand bass lines.

Todd and Rick also waged a spontaneous "guitar duel" on the title track.

In between 3-D and its predecessor, One On One, Cheap Trick have become denizens of the movie-soundtrack world. They penned and recorded the title song for Spring Break, although Nielsen. who seldom leaves home except to jog or tour, hasn't seen the film. "I saw the previews, though, and our stuff was blasting," he says. They're also heard in the film Rock & Rule, previously titled Drats. "I read a review of it in the Hollywood Reporter," Rick adds. "They said, 'This one might really do it.' I've heard that one a thousand times." The band passed on the soundtrack to Megaforce. Explains Nielsen: "They wanted something that said 'Megaforce' on it, and that sounds so stupid that I couldn't imagine writing a song around it.'

Cheap Trick also found interalbum success in a field they never imagined — disco. Some eight months after the LP's release, a dance-oriented track from One On One was remixed by acclaimed mixologist John Luongo, who approached Epic Records with the idea. Saturday At Midnight was a mid-chart dance/disco hit, but met with rather mixed reaction, to say the least, at street level.

Luongo did the remix in New York and sent a test-pressing to L.A., where it debuted for a full house of chromed invaders at a prominent deejay club.

"People were dancing, and they slipped ours in there," Nielsen recalls, "and they said it was the first time they ever cleared the entire dance floor. So we knew it was destined for something great."

Does Cheap Trick plan to chase that market — sort of a back-door attack now that they've kicked open so many front doors?

"We'll try for any door," he says, "Door Number 3 with Carol Merrill, even."

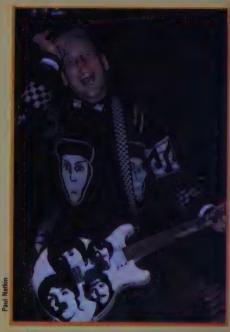
Another topic of discussion is solo projects, although Nielsen has no quess of when such endeavors will come to pass. For years, Trick drummer Bun E. Carlos has created fabulous basement tapes with Rockford buddies, strictly for their own amusement. Carlos, we learn, has a solo contract with Epic, but no iron-clad production timetable. A Yardbirds medley — produced by Bun E. for 3-D, but discarded - will perhaps be resurrected for a Bun E. Carlos Experience LP that for now remains a glint in his eye. When can we expect its release? "When Epic wants to cough up the money, quips the chainsmoking drummer, who stops at Rick's house to pick up his mail (some from fans in Japan, some from Zildjian Cymbals).

What about a Rick Nielsen solo album? Surely he must have some ideas in the can

ideas in the can.
"In the can," Rick ponders, "and that's where it should stay. A kid walks into a record store ... I can see it now: 'Do you have Rick Nielsen In The Can?

"I would make an album that wouldn't be like Ric Ocasek's, which sounds like the Cars. Mine would be far different — I'd make such trashy, crazed, nutty music," he beams, "that it would probably be popular. It would make no sense, and for that reason, it would probably make all the sense. It's the real goofy stuff at which I think I can excel."

3-D marks the second Cheap Trick LP for bassist Jon Brant, a native Chicagoan now stationed in Rockford, "and going for the record for longevity in bass players in this band." The quip is a sidelong



"When I go out I tell people I'm 'Boy Rick' from Culture Club."

reference to founding bassman Tom Petersson, and his flighty replacement, Pete Comita, who never made it to vinyl. Has the group heard from either one?

"We heard Pete went to a Bob Seger show in Detroit and said to the backstage guard, 'Don't you know who I am? I'm Pete Comita from Cheap Trick!' That was about two weeks ago. The venue called our office and were told, 'He hasn't been with us for a year. But let him in. He's harmless.'

"God," he adds, "when I go places, I try to tell them I'm in Culture Club. 'Boy Rick.' "

Speaking of Culture Club, we ask Rick what he thinks of some of the new bands who have usurped Cheap Trick as rock's gleaming lunatics — even if Culture Club is selling to housewives in Des Moines.

"Really?" he chides, "I knew about housewives in other cities. But you say they're selling in Des Moines?"

Now entering their eighth year of recording, how long does Nielsen think Cheap Trick can continue? How long does he foresee doing it?

"Doing it? Well, it hasn't fallen off

"Oh, you mean doing it on the road. The only reason to stop would be because you look around you and you're a dinosaur. Sometimes I feel people my age are dinosaurs—they know nothing of computers or video or electronics."

Has Nielsen entered the computer age?

"Certainly," he chimes. "It hasn't fallen off yet, but I'm 'doing it' by computer now."

Celebrity rate à recorD

ef Leppard bassist Rick Savage says he listens to quite a bit of music. In the States he tunes into rock radio, and at home he listens to records. Among his current fave raves are the latest albums by Duran Duran and Journey.

We gave the British hardrocker a pile of recent 45s, and asked him to give us his first impressions.

Wind Him Up, Saga

Overall, it's great, especially some of the keyboard textures. I wish the guitars would come out front more and give the band more balls. On The Loose was not as good as this one; the vocal here has more of an epic feel. Once again, great production, far better than with most English records. There's a spectrum of sound that's much wider than English records, many of which sound like they were recorded and pressed on a first take.

Cry Now, Laugh Later, Grace Jones

I don't like records like this because there's no climax, no dynamics; it's all one level. It's great for dancing, but it doesn't do anything for me. It seems to drift into oblivion. I like the bass. I'll bet it just fades out. The Pretenders song she did was a hit in England and was quite good. I liked it better than the Pretenders'.

New Year's Day, U2

This søunds like a more English production. The drums are thinner. In this case, it works. That's the best record we've heard so far. Great arrangement. I like the rawness of guitars. It's a pleasant change from your average American radio sound. Really, definitely the best. The production is suited to the image of the band.

Cool Places, Sparks and Jane Wiedlin

This is a million miles from what Sparks was like in 1975. I could never understand why they change their ideas about music. They were guitar-oriented then, and they seem to have lost all that. Without being cruel to the band, it sounds instantly forgettable; it doesn't take you by storm. It will be great in discos where you don't have to think about it. I wish Sparks would do what they were doing in 1975. Their Propaganda album was the first album I ever bought. This didn't bug me, but I'd rather hear something that offends me than something that doesn't move me at all.

DEF LEPPARD'S RICK SAVAGE



Rick Savage: "I was really liking this record until the umpa-da-da part."

Let Me Go. Heaven 17

I was really liking this record until this umpada-da part. It's the kind of music I like to hear at three o'clock in the morning when I can't get to sleep. It's a really good song apart from the doodaps. The individual sounds are great, especially the jangling guitars.

Rio, Duran Duran

Brilliant line: "cherry ice cream smile." I love some of the bass lines he puts in. The great thing about the way they do it is that the bass, guitar and drums sound big. Overall, the best new band I've heard in ages.

Straight From The Heart, Bryan Adams

I hate this. I've heard it 200 times before, but with different titles. I tend to find records like this self-indulgent. I get the impression the singer gets off on it more than the listeners, but I

suppose the sales figures will prove me wrong. This is the kind of stuff my grandmother likes to listen to, and she's been dead five years.

He Was Really Saying Something, **Bananarama**

I've got two different views. When I first heard it in England, I didn't like it; it sounded like they picked three girls off the street and said, "You sing it and we'll record it." But now, I've seen them on TV, and they've created a nice little place in the music scene. Once you get past the barrier of "anybody can do it," you start to like it. It's unpolished and unprofessional, but that's the total act. They're very similar to Fun Boy Three, whom I don't particularly like.

Gimme All Your Lovin', ZZ Top

Great guitar solo. I really like this. It reminds me of early Bad Company, stuff like Run With The Pack. The thing I like about this is that you don't have to think about it, it hits you right away.□

Record reviews

by Roy Trakin

ZZ TOP

Eliminator

What has always distinguished this veteran Texas power trio was its ability to maintain roots in the blues while bloating southern-styled boogie into heavy metal excess. That and the long, flowing prospectors' beards proudly sported by frontmen guitarist Billy Gibbons and bassist Dusty Hill. With their latest LP, ZZ Top has made the final step to commercial acceptability, and, for the most part, the music hasn't been compromised.

Of course, after 13 years, it's hard not to pick up some professional polish, and ZZ betrays a certain mellowness on the balladic / Need You Tonight and even a little rhythmic sophistication on the tribal stomp, Thug. But don't let that fool ya. These guys aren't about to bland out or get "relevant" like Styx or Rush. I Got The Six ("if you got the nine") takes on one of man's favorite sports, while Legs, TV Dinners and Dirty Dog are about just what they say they are (although Dirty Dog could be interpreted another way), with an appropriately greasy southern-fried soundtrack.



These down-home Tejas bluesmeisters may not be the ramalama, headbanging, non-stop adrenaline riffsters they were a decade ago, playing juke joints in Houston, but they more than make up in experience what they've lost in raw power. I'm not about to begrudge ZZ Top their popularity. They've earned it.

RICK SPRINGFIELD

Living In Oz

It just rubs me the wrong way when the first thing that falls out after you crack open this album is a merchandising slip offering "Rick Springfield Muscle T's," "Rick Springfield Jerseys" and membership in the "Rick Springfield Fan Club." I mean, don't misunderstand. I appreciate Rick's musical gifts; I realize he was a rocker long before he was a soap opera star. I even acknowledge the presence of a number of sure-fire AOR hits on his first two LPs, not to mention a fine sense of '60s rock perspective demonstrated by his faithful cover of Los Bravos' immortal Black Is Black.

Unfortunately, the third time is not the charm for Mister Rick. Not even his chic, sleeveless leather jacket, stylish wet-look haircut or hip six o'clock shadow can save him. Unlike his previous



albums, Living In Oz won't evoke those annoying Springsteen comparisons — Springfield's sights are now scattered, with nods to practically every au courant musical idiom represented on today's pop airwaves. Lessee, we've got a dash of synthpop (Human Touch), a slice of Foreigner (the title track), a touch of Sting (the reggaeish Tiger By The Tail), a modicum of McCartney (the Yesterday strings of Like Father, Like Son) and, not to be outdone, another nod to Bruce the Boss (Me & Johnny).

There's no doubt Rick Springfield's got his finger on the pulse of today's rock radio and the young audience which idolizes him. But he better come up with some distinctive material or his teen dream could easily turn to dust. Oh, well, there's always the soaps...

DAVID BOWIE

Let's Dance

David Bowie's been through so many ch-chchanges, it's no wonder he's started repeating himself. Those who look to Ziggy for futuristic philosophy, spiritual guidance or sartorial direction won't find much to chew on in Let's



Dance. The cheesy album graphics reflect the hastily sketched skeletons of rhythm inside, with lots of chunka-chunka guitar courtesy of coproducer Nile Rodgers (Chic), skittering blues runs by Texas picker Stevie Ray Vaughn, fat Tony Thompson drums and punch horn charts. On Let's Dance, Bowie seems to have returned to the

ersatz soul of his **Young Americans** period, with one crucial difference — this time, he's not faking.

Bowie's stripped everything down to the basics — even his persona. The body-thumping feel is fine, while David's patented left-field croon snakes around the abrupt tempo changes with unexpected emotion. Once more, Bowie's asking us to believe he's sincere, that he's not relying on yet another guise to express himself.

Trouble is, if **Let's Dance** is Bowie's most direct album, it's also his most impersonal. Three of the eight songs are remakes (including his own *China Girl*, co-written and recorded by Iggy Pop; *Cat People*, which he originally did with Giorgio Moroder for the film; and *Criminal World*, first done by a mid-'70s U.K. post-glitter outfit called Metro) and at least three more are throwaways, enlivened by privileged moments when Bowie trips over cliched sentimentality into Brechtian irony. Still, it is precisely those rare instances which make even middling Bowie more provocative than practically anybody else in rock.

PINK FLOYD The Final Cut

P. Floyd mastermind Roger Waters' bitterly misanthropic **The Wall** was woefully strident, but its doomy depression and neurotic angst gave it a certain twisted charm. **The Final Cut** started out as an expanded version of that album's movie soundtrack, but quickly developed into something else after Waters' disappointment with the finished film.



Dedicated to his father, Eric Fletcher Waters, who died at the age of 31 in World War II, the album examines the disillusion of the post-war dream in this seamless song cycle. Without any pictures, **The Final Cut** uses a remarkable Holophonic 360-degree recording technique to create an aural collage of vivid imagery more evocative than anything in either the movie or LP version of **The Wall**.

Eschewing the abstract ranting that marred his previous project, Waters taps specific emotions about his father's death, spurring associations about the self-inflicted horrors which still plague the human race. The Fletcher Memorial Home portrays the end of a world where all the global leaders get their just desserts with a whimper rather than a bang. The Gunners Dream is a first-person confession, employing an agonizingly whispered Waters vocal which caresses the ears before exploding into rage. Neat on those headphones. It is the obscene fury of Not Now John, though, with its searing David Gilmour guitar solo and its frank denunciation of Hollywood's version of The Wall that turns The Final Cut into catharsis and

revelation. With Two Suns In The Sunset, the finale, Waters transcends his own loathing of self and audience, pleading for understanding on Judgement Day. Make no mistake about it, The Final Cut is not easy listening; but this time, Roger Waters and Pink Floyd have got something to say.

THE TUBESOutside Inside

The Tubes have tried such a variety of musical styles and corresponding images that it's become hard to take them seriously. They started out in the San Francisco conceptual art scene, staging elaborate pop-cultural satires that utilized rock and roll only to make a point. At one time, the troupe put on one of the most elaborate



shows around, which poked fun at different styles in rock by faithfully parodying them. Lead singer Fee Waybill's tottering glitter-rock star Quay Lewd persona became so popular that it overshadowed the joke and threatened to become the real thing.

fronically, just as the Video Age dawns, the Tubes seem to be downplaying their theatrical and humorous sides to turn into a "real" band. The only apparent concept on Outside Inside is the group's assimilation of the currently-invogue R&B trend. The Motels' Martha Davis joins up for a spirited rendition of Curtis Mayfield's Monkey Time, while Maurice White and the Earth, Wind & Fire horn section (including arranger Jerry Hey, trumpeters Chuck Finley and Gary Grant and trombonist Bill Reichenbach) help out on funk workouts like Tip Of My Tongue and Wild Women of Wongo. Add in the presence of singer Patti Austin and a dub stomper like the Prairie Prince percussion workout, aptly named Drums, and you have a group admirably challenging its AOR base.

Lest you think the Tubes have totally "souled" out though, Toto members Steve Lukather, David Paich, Steve Porcaro and Bobby Kimball are on hand to make sure the requisite rock radio harmonies are in place. The Tubes are certainly making strides musically, but their once unmistakable identity has been sacrificed in the process.

MEN AT WORK

Cargo

What do you do for an encore after your debut album sells quadruple platinum-plus, spends four months at the top of the charts and produces two Number One singles (Who Can It Be Now and Down Under)? If you're Men At Work, those lovable Aussie loons who took this country by storm with their irresistible blue-eyed pop-

reggae stew, you sit home and pull the covers over your head lest it all come tumbling down. But not before you've recorded a followup LP that cleverly capitalizes on all those elements which were so successful for you in the first place.



Like Business As Usual, Cargo doesn't quite grab you by the collar as a complete work, but gradually unravels as the individual hooks sink in. Overkill, the first single from the new album, is a wistful plaint that anticipates the band's success with singer Colin Hay's neurotic, but undeniably catchy croon. Other candidates for eventual chart killings include Dr. Heckyll & Mr. Jive, an atmospheric ditty 'bout schizophrenia which will undoubtedly be turned into one of Men At Work's daft videos, and Blue For You, one of a number of the light-reggae tunes which has led many to compare the group to the Police.

For all their incredible achievements, Men At Work seem more comfortable isolated from the record-buying masses, turning out pleasant pop ditties which mask deep-seated fears and repressed sexuality. Right now, Men At Work have forged a sound, based on Hay's Costello-ish phrasing, co-writer Ron Strykert's tasty guitar fills, Jerry Speiser's lilting Carib drumbeat and, especially, Greg Ham's array of saxes, flutes and keyboards. A comparable vision is still in the formative stages.

PATRICK SIMMONS

Arcade

First things first. Yes, the long-haired ex-Doobie now sports a brand-new blow-dried coif for his debut solo effort, coming on the heels of his band's breakup and albums by fellow group members Michael McDonald and saxman Cornelius Bumpus. Both of them are on hand for Arcade, as are such other erstwhile Doobies as Tom Johnston, guitarist John McFee, percussionist Bobby LaKind, guitarist Jeff "Skunk" Baxter and bassist Willie Weeks. Not to mention Simmons' co-collaborator Chris Thompson (of the Manfred Mann Band), pianist Nicky Hopkins, producer Ted Templeman (on clavinet yet) and the Tower of Power horn section. It's a regular family affair.



As a result, Arcade lacks a focus, although it does establish that Simmons was a major part of the patented Doobies sound. Problem is, it also reflects the trip to the middle-of-the-road which eventually turned the Brothers into broad-based blandness. Both Out On The Streets and the Andy (Free) Fraser-penned Knocking At Your Door. which lead off sides one and two, respectively, rock out with the kind of finely-crafted pop which characterized such Doobies' faves as Listen to the Music and Takin' It To The Streets. If You Want A Little Love, featuring a tasty trumpet solo by Greg Adams and punctuated horns by the Tower of Power, even swings with the sophiscation of Steely Dan, but the two ballads whe Michael McDonald contributes backgroun 1 vocals are bloodless in the way which ultimately proved to be the Doobies' undoing.

Arcade evinces a professionalism earned through a lifetime perfecting one's craft. Only trouble is, Patrick Simmons' impressive eclecticism has effectively prevented him from establishing an image apart from his music.

STEVE MILLER BAND

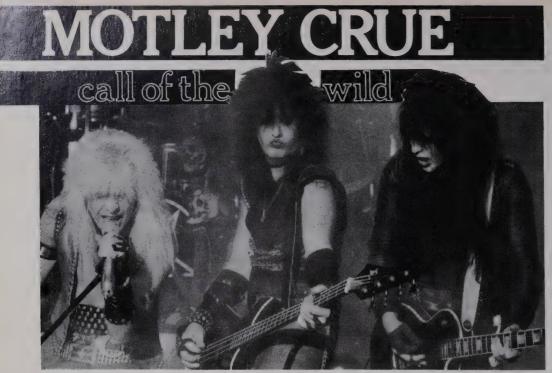
Live!

Just what you needed. A desultory live collection of greatest hits from the laziest man in rock and roll, representing each phase in this seminal, psychedelic Bay Area bluesman's eccentric career. From the acid-saturated Living In The U.S.A. through the mellow AOR anthem Fly Like An Eagle to last year's dance-floor smash, Abracadabra — they're all here. Why? Well, that's another story.



At first glance, Live!'s bargain-basement cover graphics, slapdash recording and chintzy sound seem like a rip-off. But that's only if you bought the album. Disregarding the fact Uncle Stevie expects kids (or aging hippies?) to actually spend their hard-earned bread on this platter product, its utter offhandedness and unpretentious, take-it-or-leave-it charm might even be appealing. As it is, this concert, recorded at Detroit's Pine Knob Theater, is like a soul review, with Norton Buffalo's wailing harp and Miller's R&B rant leading the swinging band through its loose-limbed paces. This record is so unassuming, someone can be heard wolfwhistling throughout the entire rendition of Jungle Love.

If yer a Steve Miller fan, there's really nothin' here you won't have and the arrangements aren't so different that ya need this disc. Lissen to it on the radio if ya want to. Steve Miller himself remains one of rock's slapstick enigmas—capable of penning pop toppers like Abracadabra or disastrously self-indulgent drivel like the halfan-album-side funk parody, Macho City. Unfortunately, there's nothing that extreme, one way or another, on Live!



Motley Crue's Front Line (left to right); vocalist Vince Neil, bassist Nikki Sixx, guitarist Mick Mars.

L.A. Rockers Stretch The Bounds Of Metal Madness. by Adrianne Stone

midst billowing clouds of smoke and power chords designed to deafen the unwary, four leather-and-stud-clad youths emerge on the brightly lit stage, bearing their "axes" like victorious warriors over a rubble-strewn arena of rock-blitz worshippers.

The rock brigadiers are L.A.'s Motley Crue, best known for their long hair, mascara, leather, nineinch stack heels and flashbomb-powered stage show. "When we got out on the road before Shout At The Devil, (their latest LP) people flipped out," raves bassbeater Nikki Sixx, who completes a lineup that also features blond crooner Vince Neil, curly-topped drummer Tommy Lee and lead guitarist Mick Mars. "We didn't use any effects. We just played straightahead rock lookin' the way we were, and kids went, 'Wow! You guys are insane!' We're used to blowing things up and lighting ourselves on fire to get an audience off, but the stuff from Shout At The Devil sounds great live.'

Were the Crue influenced by Ozzy Osbourne, who has released a similarly titled LP, Speak

Of The Devil? "What we're doing has nothing to do with Satan; it has to do with politicians," Sixx said. "The devil was a kind of manmade entity. We're saying, 'Stand and shout at the government, the people who screwed up everything." But, what of their Satanic images the upside-down cross and the pentagrams — that have become staple props on the Motley Crue set? Is it all just tongue-in-cheek? 'Well, we're young and our audiences are young. The leaders of yesterday were once young too, so to us, they're Satan because they've screwed up the society so bad. Now, we can be the ones to screw the nation up tomorrow. Or,' Nikki snickers, "we could make things better.'

Ironically, the band recently shared the bill with Ozzy at this year's US Festival. Tour plans for the rest of the country have the band excited, as this is their first U.S. road experience. "We wanted to play Europe. They were a little put off because we didn't tour there after our first album **Too Fast For Love.** But we had some financial and managerial problems, so we're gonna make it up."

The farthest east the band has gone was Canada but, they "got thrown out of the country. Well, if they can't take a joke ...," giggles Nikki.

Already perpetuating a reputation for mayhem and riotous behavior, the boys got into some fights upon their arrival to Mapleland when they saw that they were booked into puny clubs with no provisions for their massive gear. "There were a lot of rednecks. But as long as we're up on stage, we're having a good time. When we get off stage, we tend to get ourselves into trouble."

Already, their MTV video Live Wire, was yanked off the air because "there were a lot of complaints from parents. They said there was too much violence in it. Well, we don't make videos for the parents. If they liked it, we'd be in trouble. We're not Men at Work," he adds in disgust. Yet, despite their unusual attitudes, and even more unusual appearance, the list of Motley Crue fans seems to be growing at a surprisingly fast pace. "To be perfectly honest," Nikki notes defensively, never planned on looking this way. A lot of bands are

going out and getting the image and it doesn't seem to be honest. I just wonder if the kids feel cheated."

Sixx, who sights such influences as Mott the Hoople, Slade, Bowie and Sweet, was 14 when a schoolmate asked if he played any music, noting that he looked like a musician because of his long hair. Quick to jump when opportunity knocked. little Nikki lied about his musical experience and promptly went out and stole his first guitar. Years later, he found himself in Los Angeles, the Metal Mecca of the U.S.

"L.A. is weird. It's desolate when you walk down the street. Then, you go into a club and it's leather, spikes, chains, whips and black hair," he drools. "It's everywhere, it's insane. I don't know where all these weirdos come from. You look up on the stage and there's a band that looks twice as weird

playing.' L.A. is where Nikki and his comrades are based. At first, they were broke and had to go to drastic measures. "Once we needed a backdrop, so me and Mike had to go out and sell our last two guitars so we could add one to the show." The show became a main event, attracting fans and celebrities alike, including Lita Ford (ex-Runaways, presently with her own band) who once dated Nikki. "We've written together but none of the material ever ended up on either of our albums." Eventually, all the uproar caught the attention of the record industry. "We were selling a lot of copies on a private label, Leathur Records, so everyone was watching to see if it would take off. Virgin Records from England came to see us. We were all ready to sign with them, but Elektra topped the offer.'

With Shout At The Devil firmly ensconced on the sales charts, and the band in the midst of their first major tour, has our brainbashing bassist any motto for his American-branded rock? "Yeah. Apple Pie, Chevrolet, tight jeans, Motley Crue, pizza, drugs and sex ... but not necessarily in that order."

SAXON



Saxon's vocalist Biff Byford (left): "Once American rock fans get to see us, they'll come back for more."

Biff And The Boys Once Again

Try To Conquer America.

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irst there is darkness. Suddenly, a beam of white light cuts through the arena, illuminating vocalist Biff Byford as he strides purposefully towards center stage. As the prerecorded roar of an engine blasts out of the band's humongous P.A. system, guitarists Graham Oliver and Paul Quinn tear into the first frenzied chords of Motorcycle Man. Another Saxon show is under way.

"We're a live band more than anything else," Biff revealed as he cooled off after the show with his right hand wrapped around a cold brew and his left resting on the shoulder of an attractive young lady. "We love making albums, but there's a certain freedom and vitality that

comes with playing on stage that you just can't hope to match in the studio. I happen to think that Saxon comes closer than most bands to capturing that 'live' sound on record, but sometimes you just have to content yourself with getting the cleanest studio sound possible and save the real energy for the shows."

With those words Biff downed the remaining drops of beer, kissed his attentive fan goodbye and jogged out of the arena to where his huge, Goldwing Interstate motorcycle was parked. "We don't sing about things we don't know about," Biff said as he revved the engine to a deafening roar. "When we sing Motorcycle Man and Wheels Of Steel, we know

what we're talking about. The people in England appreciate our honesty and our commitment; but somehow we're missing out with the Americans. I only hope the new album changes that."

Quite possibly, Saxon's latest vinyl opus, Power And The Glory will prove to be the album that solidifies the group's position in the heavy metal hierarchy on both sides of the Atlantic. On such killer cuts as This Town Rocks. Nightmare and Watching The Skies, the flashing guitars of Quinn and Oliver blend with the powerhouse rhythm section of bassist Steve Dawson and drummer Nigel Glockner to create a wall of heavy metal thunder.

"We recorded a lot of this album in America," Biff explained. "It was produced by Jeff Glixman who's an Anglophile when it comes to a good, hard rocking guitar-oriented band. In the past we had always produced ourselves, but we thought we'd bring in someone else this time just to see what might happen. We're very pleased with the results. This is the most consistently satisfying album we've done. There's not a weak track on the whole record — it rocks from start to finish. Now we can't wait to get on the road and play some of the new songs live.'

Biff and the rest of the boys in the band are aware that the key for a metal band to break in the U.S. is touring. The group quickly cites Judas Priest, AC/DC and Scorpions as examples of groups that toured the country for years before ever attaining that pot of stateside gold. Byford, in particular, feels that Saxon is now on the brink of becoming the next major international heavy metal monster.

We toured America for six months last year, and we're prepared to do it just as long this year," he said. "It's such a big place that you just can't do it properly if you only come over for a month or two. It's not like England where you can do a very complete tour in a matter of two or three weeks. Once people get to see us, whether as an opening act or as a headliner, they'll come back for more. They'll also buy the records. In the past we've been hurt by import sales because our records have been released in Europe a couple of months before they got released in America. This one was released a little earlier in Europe too, but it was only a matter of weeks instead of months.

"We're patient," Biff continued. "Of course we'd like to come over and play a place like Madison Square Garden tomorrow, but it takes time to build up your audience. The only way for a band like ours to do that is to go on the road and stay there until the job is done. That's what we're aiming to do."

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FASTWAY

Former Motorhead Guitarist Leads New Band Into Action.

ccording to Fast Eddie Clarke, people have listened to his new group, Fastway, and commented, "Oh, Eddie, I didn't know you could play guitar." This reaction comes despite a six-and-a-half year tenure with Britain's metal maniacs, Motorhead. After quitting that group only one night into their last American concert tour, Eddie says he decided not to be a part of another "image band," but rather, to make some good old rock and roll.

"I could give you 'irrevocable musical differences," he said with a laugh about his split from Motorhead just as the power trio began attracting legions of headbangers in the United States. "The straw that broke the camel's back

Fastway (left to right): Jerry Shirley, "Fast" Eddie Clarke, David King.

was when I went to the States for that last tour. We were going to do a record with Wendy O. Williams of the Plasmatics, which I was going to produce. We were going to do Stand By Your Man, the Tammy Wynette song.

'As a slow number, it has a lot of chords in it; but when you speed it up to the speed of light, it sounds a bit silly with all these chords. I said to Lemmy (Motorhead's bassist and vocalist), 'Why don't you rearrange it a little bit?' He said, 'No, man, it wouldn't be the same song,' I said, 'alright, okay.' We went to Toronto to record it. laid down the backing tracks, and after two days of trying to make it sound decent, it was just impossible. I said, 'Look Lemmy, this is garbage.' He said, 'No, this is great.'

Clarke says he told Lemmy that the record would bring down Motorhead and threatened to quit the group over it. Tensions had been building since the recording of Motorhead's then-current Iron Fist album, and the Toronto sessions were the end of the road. The group's sole concert on that aborted tour, a headlining date at New York's Palladium, was sparked by the group's antagonism toward each other. Just before curtain time, rumors circulated throughout the theater lobby that Clarke had quit the group; and backstage, separate dressing rooms were used and no one was talking to anyone else.

About the same time, Pete Way was feeling similarly disillusioned about UFO and wanted out. In a short amount of time Way and Clarke had a meeting and after finding a common chord. decided to form a new band (hence the tag Fastway). They originally rehearsed with former Clash drummer Topper Headon, but ultimately recruited former Humble Pie skin-beater Jerry Shirley. Twenty-one-year-old David King was selected on the strength of a cassette he'd submitted.

"That singer Ronnie Dio went from one band to another, and then the one from the other band. went with the other band," Clarke mused. "That's all a bore. It's like there's a pool of British rock singers. I could have asked one of them because there's a few that are not working, but I thought kids get fed up with hearing the same singer in a different band.

"I wanted to do something with a bit of freshness about it, that certain bit of magic that only new talent can do," he continued proudly. doesn't smoke or drink."





Thomas Dolby

Thomas Morgan Dolby Robertson, born 24 years ago in Cairo, Egypt, spent most of his youth traveling throughout Europe with his father, an archaeologist. At age 16 he left school and began playing acoustic guitar and singing for pennies in the Paris metro. Music became his life; he began operating sound systems for touring British groups such as the Members, U.K. Subs and the Fall. He later toured with Bruce Wooley's Camera Club and Lene Lovich's band, wrote Lovich's New Toy and played synthesizer on Foreigner's Urgent and Waiting For A Girl Like You.

Dolby is now a solo artist, working his own compositions around his synthesizer. She Blinded Me With Science from his Blinded By Science mini-LP is his first American hit.



Backseat Sally

he pick to click out of Rochester, New York, is Backseat Sally. The four-year-old group is fronted by lyricist Sally Kay, a seasoned professional who's been singing since age 14 and performing since age 16. Keyboardist Casey Filiaci, a musician since age three, is the other half of Backseat Sally's writing team; he has also written music for HBO, ABC, CBS and the Cable Arts Network. The group is rounded out by guitarist Jeff Gilhart, bassist Gary Cummings and drummer Dave Cohen.

Backseat Sally has signed a worldwide record deal, and a self-titled debut LP is getting the group noticed. Both the band and the lead singer won the 1982 polls in their respective categories in Rochester's Free Times. Now the band members hope to spread that local fame around the globe.

Shooting stars

by Charley Crespo



Anvil

We listen exclusively to heavy metal — nothing softer than Motorhead," claims Anvil's drummer and co-founder, Robb Reiner. "We don't like disco, and we really don't like new wave, but we do like raw punk."

Anvil, formed four years ago in Toronto, Canada, has built up a rabid following via local dates and a tour opening for Motorhead and Girlschool. The foundation of the group is two childhood friends, drummer Robb Reiner and a lead singer known simply as Lips. Rhythm guitarist Dave Allison and bassist lan Dickson were recruited through newspaper ads. Shortly thereafter, the quartet released a self-financed debut LP, Hard 'N Heavy and instantly drew the attention of metal heads throughout Canada and England. Their latest album, Forged in Fire, will introduce the hard rockers to a new Stateside audience.



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INXS (pronounced "in excess") was formed in 1979 and by 1982 the group had their third Australian gold album. That album, Shabooh Shoobah, became the Aussie sextet's premier LP in America. So far, INXS has made inroads on this continent by opening an Adam Ant tour, appearing on the new television program Rock And Roll Tonite, and through a video of The One Thing on MTV.

INXS is vocalist Michael Hutchence, guitarist Tim Farriss, guitarist/saxophonist Kirk Pengilly, keyboardist Andrew Farriss, bassist Garry Gary Beers and drummer Jon Farriss. The music world has been keeping an eye on Australian rock, what with the success of AC/DC, Rick Springfield and Men At Work; and INXS could be the next band from Down Under to break here.

GUITAR GREATS

EDDIE VAN HALEN

by Steve Gett-

WHEN DID YOU BEGIN PLAYING GUITAR?: I started out playing drums. Alex, my brother, was playing guitar, but when I was out delivering papers to pay for the drums, Alex would be home playing the drums. Eventually he got a lot better than me, so I said 'Take the goddamn drums' and I picked up his guitar. I was about 13 years old then. WHY DID YOU START?: Because "Big Al" stole my drums! MUSICAL TRAINING: I started out being trained to become a classical pianist at the age of six and I kind of dropped it when I got into guitar, although I still play piano for writing purposes. I never had any formal training for guitar. I'm totally self-taught. The only other training I had was a scoring and arranging class in junior college, which actually was a waste of time.

EARLY INFLUENCES: My father for overall guidance and support, but guitarwise Eric Clapton was the one and only.

FIRST PUBLIC PERFORMANCE: This might sound funny, but the first time Alex and I ever played for an audience was when we were in elementary school. I was eight and Alex was 10 and we played for the whole school at lunch hour. I played piano and Alex played the saxophone. We even wrote our own tunes. One song was called Rumpus. The name of our group was the Broken Combs. Our first appearance as Van Halen was either at the Starwood or the Whiskey in L.A.

EQUIPMENT (LIVE): I use my same old piece-of-shit \$200 guitar that I built myself about six years ago. It's the same axe pictured on our first album. I'm constantly repainting it and changing things, but I just can't seem to get that warm tone out of any other guitar. I use very old 100-watt Marshall amps, usually six to eight at a time. I tend to shy away from effects, except for an occasional Echoplex and Roland Chorus. I'd rather get effects out of the guitar as opposed to using pedals. I also use a chordless unit which never seems to work right for me.

STUDIO EQUIPMENT: Same as above, except I don't use the chordless unit.

NUMBER OF GUITARS OWNED: Somewhere between 50 and 100, but they're not all playable. I

have at least 20 to 30 bodies and necks scattered around the house because I love ripping them apart

because I love ripping them apart and then trying to put them back together. I have about 10 guitars I use

when touring in case my old homemade guitar stops working.

OTHER GUITARISTS YOU ADMIRE: I admire everyone, especially a guitarist who has something unique in their playing. Clapton is definitely

one, but another guitarist who makes my head spin is Allan Holdsworth. He does things that are so far beyond normal guitarists that I really don't think people understand what he's trying to do. He's just one step beyond.□



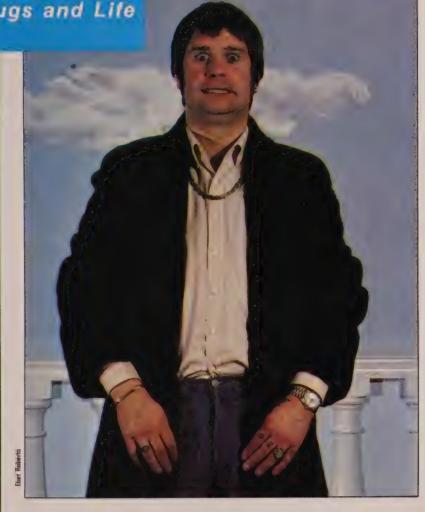
The Master of Metal Speaks His Mind On Sex, Drugs and Life Without Randy.

lot of people come up to me and say, 'Ozzy you're a fuckin' loon.' They may be right. Sometimes even I don't know what I'm going to do. But that's part of the fun. The day that I wake up and know exactly what I'm going to do and where I'm going to be is the day I'll probably stop playing rock and roll. I fucking want to be crazy whenever I want.

"I don't know why I bit that bat's head off. It just seemed to be the thing to do. When you're up on stage you get so fucking crazy that you really can go over the edge. When you're pouring your soul out up there and the music's on and the crowd is cheering, you can lose control. That's what I did. I'm sure if I was sitting at home I wouldn't order a bat for dinner. But when somebody threw it on stage, the devil inside me just said, 'pick it up and bite its fucking head off.'

"I've had a lot of ups and downs in my career. I've been drunk more times than I can count, and I've had some troubles with drugs, but I'm pretty clean now. Maybe I'll have a drink every now and then; that's about it. Hell, I'm a family man. I've got a wife, and a child on the way. I have responsibilities and I have to live up to them. I'll always be as crazy as I am, but I've come to realize that I don't have to kill myself in order to act that way.'

"My new album, Bark At The Moon, is unbelievable. It's the best album I've ever done. The songs are great, and the band played very well. Of course, not having Randy Rhoads there was a shame. He would have made the album so much better. But considering that Randy couldn't be on it, the album still turned out well."



Ozzy Osbourne: "I want to keep rocking until I'm 100. They're gonna have to take me off stage in a wheel

"I had a bit of a health problem during my last American tour. I had been prescribed some allergy medicine, and one night during a show I collapsed on stage. My chest was pounding like I was having a heart attack. I thought I was a goner for sure. I went off stage for a while and took some oxygen. I even went back to finish the show. But after we did our encore, they put me in an ambulance and took me to the hospital. Luckily, all the tests they took proved negative, and I was able to get back on tour a couple of days later.'

"I'll never cut my hair off again! I did it because I had drunk a bit too much and I didn't know what the fuck I was doing. Sometimes I just want to shock people, and cutting off all my hair seemed like a great way to do that. The next night we were in New Orleans, and I bought this cheap wig in a store. I wore it on stage, then right in the middle of Crazy Train I pulled it off and showed everyone my bald head. The crowd went crazy. It was fun at the time, but I wish I hadn't done it.



"I don't have any feelings — either good or bad — about Black Sabbath anymore. That was years and years ago now and we've all grown a lot since then. If they still want to take shots at me, that's their business, but Tony Iommi and Terry Butler are like my brothers. I realize that the breakup was as much my fault as theirs. I still think that some of the things they say and do are fucking stupid, but they have to make a living too."

"I'm not surprised that Ronnie Dio left them. He was just a little dwarf anyway. He has a good voice, but he's like a statue on stage. I haven't seen or heard the music they're making with Ian Gillan, but I wish them all luck. Ian's a mate of mine so I hope he does well; but working with Tony and Terry aren't the easiest things to do."

"A lot of people thought I'd never be able to play again after Randy died. For a while I thought they were right. It's impossible to replace a musician and man like Randy. He was a saint—a once-in-a-lifetime person. I can't imagine a more difficult spot to step into than to try to replace Randy. Bernie Torme tried for a while and so did Brad Gillis. They were good for what they were, but they were just trying to play Randy's solos—and nobody could do that except Randy

himself."

"I love playing live. Going on stage and performing is what rock and roll is all about for me. When I go on tour, it's not one of those quick, 10-date 'I'll be home for Christmas' affairs. When I go on the road I like to stay until I've played everywhere — no matter how long it takes."

"People think I'm rich because I've sold so many records. That's a load of shit. I'm still a British citizen, and the government there takes so much money from you in taxes that you can work all your life and never be rich. I really don't want to have too much money. That only makes you fat and lazy. I want to feel that I have to work — even though I enjoy what I'm doing more than anything else in the whole fucking world."

"I want to have a million kids. I have three now, and that's just a start. You've got to keep your women barefoot and pregnant. My wife is also my manager, but I don't want her on the road with me — I can have more fun with her home. The only way to do that is making sure she keeps having babies. With as little time as we have together, that's not the easiest thing to do."

"The devil inside me just said, 'pick it up and bite its fucking head off.' "

"I've really grown to like my tattoos. My wife still hates them, but I think they look great. The first one I had was the O-Z-Z-Y I have on my fingers. I did that myself when I was a kid. I just took some graphite and a needle. I got myself drunk enough so I didn't feel that pain and just did it. The newer ones are a little more complicated than that; they were done by professionals."

"I want to keep rockin' until I'm 100. They're gonna have to take me on stage in a wheel chair, and I'll still be doing *Paranotd*. Next to my family, rock and roll is the most important

thing in my life. Nothing else is even close. I feel like the fans are part of my family, and I love each and every one of them."

"Don Costa and Jakie Lee are terrific to work with. Jakie is almost as much of a loon as I am, and Don's not far behind. They have a rock and roll mentality. They don't play the music — they live it. That's the way you've got to be. You've got to have conviction. If you don't, your music just sounds hollow."

"This tour is gonna be my biggest yet. I'm so excited about some of the ideas we've got planned. It's all gonna be based on the Bark At The Moon album. Maybe we'll have rabid bats released in the hall. Or maybe everyone bringing a werewolf to the arena will be let in free. It's gonna be crazy. We want everyone to feel involved with the show. If the people who saw our last tour thought that was something, wait until they see this one. It'll make that one seem tame. Maybe I'll set myself on fire in Madison Square Garden. I always wanted to go out in a blaze of glory."

Ozzy before he was attacked by a pair of deranged scissors: "I'll never cut my hair off again. I had drunk too much and didn't know what I was doing."









Asia (left to right): Carl Palmer, John Wetton, Geoff Downes, Steve Howe.

Veteran Rockers Follow Up Platinum Debut With Alpha.

ohn Wetton sensed that Asia was something special from the moment he formed the Howe in February, 1981. "I've been with a lot of different groups in my career," said the bassist/vocalist whose previous credits included stints with Uriah Heep, Roxy Music, U.K., Family and King Crimson. "But when we got this band together there was a very different attitude. We were starting something new - yet all of us had tasted a bit of success, and we all knew what it would take to taste it again. We had commitment. That's a quality you don't find that often these days. We felt confident that we could blend our talents together and emerge with a group capable of making very interesting music.'

Asia's confidence proved to be well founded, for only weeks after the release of their self-titled debut album, they discovered themselves perched securely atop the rock world. That LP, which featured such hits as Heat Of The Moment and Only Time Will Tell, proceeded to sell over three million copies, convincing Wetton that, "there's still a place in music for a bunch of old timers like us." Combining nearly fifty years of professional experience, Wetton, former Emerson, Lake & Palmer drummer Carl Palmer, and ex-Yes members Howe and Geoff Downes (keyboards), were able to fuse their diverse backgrounds and talents to create a sound tailor-made for album-oriented radio playlists.

"The success of the last album was incredibly satisfying," Wetton explained. "The band had come together through some unusual circumstances, and when you begin a project like that, just about anything can happen. We knew that because of the people involved in Asia, there would be a degree of interest in our music, but, quite honestly, we never surmised that we'd be as successful as we've become.

The seeds of Asia were sown with the virtually simultaneous demise of U.K. and Yes. As charter members of the English progressive rock fraternity, Howe and Wetton had been acquaintances for a number of years. When both found themselves between group projects, they began rehearsing with, as Wetton admitted, "no particular plans in mind." Another long-time friend, Carl Palmer, soon was asked to sit in, and as he recalled, "the atmosphere in the rehearsal hall was electric. I knew I wanted to be part of what was going on." The final piece of the Asia puzzle fell into place when the band asked Downes, who had appeared on Yes' final album, Drama, to add his keyboard expertise to the fledgling lineup. While Geoff originally declined due to, "commitments that I couldn't get out of," as soon as his schedule cleared he quickly joined the Asia roster.

"Many people think that Asia is a band that has been carefully constructed," Wetton said. "But actually it came about rather naturally. All of us share a common musical heritage; we've been involved in bands that have attempted to play challenging and

complex music. When U.K. broke up I must admit that I was very unhappy. I thought that band had an excellent chance for success. But quite obviously we just didn't have the right personnel. In many ways U.K. was the forerunner of Asia. There were just too many conflicts in that band, however. It's a different story here. We share a common musical vision."

That "common musical vision" is apparent on the band's second album, Alpha, an invigorating collection that once again displays the group's ability to walk the fine line between hard rock and mainstream pop. While Wetton admitted that Asia's latest LP was "a little harder to do than the first," he quickly added that "it was a bit

more fun as well.

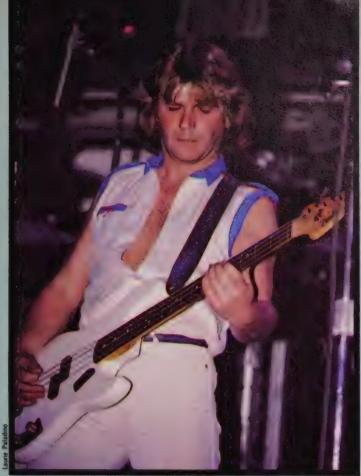
"There may have been a little more pressure on us this time," he added with a broad smile. "After all, we did have a successful debut to live up to. But knowing that there was an audience out there that was waiting to hear our music made the whole recording experience very pleasurable. When we did our first album, we naturally had a lot of questions floating around in our heads. Would people accept us as a band? Would younger fans know who we were? This time we were much more confident. We went into the studio knowing exactly what to expect.

"We pushed ourselves rather hard," he continued. "We all take a great deal of pride in this band, and we only want to release music that represents us properly. This record may be a bit more experimental in some ways, but it stays in much the same vein as the first one. We'd be silly to divert from a sound that we feel comfortable with. We know that the press will probably hate this record, but I believe that the fans

will appreciate it."

Wetton's negative attitude towards the press stems from the harsh criticism hurled at Asia by the more trend conscious members of the rock media. Labeled as an overly slick, corporate monster by some critics, Asia has quickly developed a thick skin towards what Wetton called, "unwarranted

"The press was against us from the beginning," Wetton said. "Either we were hearing from the new-wave people, who were calling us 'dinosaurs,' or from writers who may have followed ELP or Yes, who were saying that we 'sold out.' I don't believe that Asia fits into any preordained musical category. The fact that our music gets played on American radio doesn't qualify us as monsters. We're playing material that we enjoy, and evidently many other people are enjoying it as well. I don't see anything wrong with



Bassist/Vocalist John Wetton: "We know the press will hate this record, but the fans will appreciate it."

"We hope to avoid petty rifts in this band — at least for another couple of albums."

that. You needn't always be on the cutting edge of the avant-garde to make satisfying music.

"We've been in this business too long to let a few words of criticism change our ideas," he added. "We have a lot of camaraderie in this group. Perhaps it was the initial negative reaction by the press that caused that. We've never had an 'us against them' attitude, but when you're being attacked externally. you naturally tend to draw closer as a band. That friendship is something that we cherish because many of the bands we were with before had a number of rifts running through them. We hope to be able to avoid those here," he said with a laugh. "At least for another couple of albums.

Now that **Alpha** has nestled itself at the peak of the charts, Asia has turned their attention towards the tour trail. The band has taken one of the most elaborate light and sound systems in rock history on tour, enabling them to "bring alive" the music contained on their albums. The

band is also prepared for their first invasion of massive ballpark arenas, something that Wetton admitted, "doesn't thrill us all." Yet, as the tall, lean resident of Derby, England, ran his fingers through his shoulder length brown hair, he couldn't hide his pleasure with Asia's current road junket.

"The last time out a lot of people were hesitant to book us into the large halls," Wetton gushed. "They didn't think that a 'progressive' act could draw a crowd anymore. Then when lines of people formed to buy tickets to our shows, they tried to get us to stay in town and play a few extra nights. We had to say, Sorry mate, maybe next year. There were a lot of embarrassed people at the booking agency, but we enjoyed the feeling of being in demand. I've, unfortunately, been in the position of playing in front of a house of empty seats in earlier bands, and being in the opposite situation was rather nice.

"We really want to go all-out on this tour," he added. "We want to show the people who've given us their support that we appreciate the fact that they've spent their hard-earned money to buy our albums and come to our shows. I don't care how big we become," he said with a warm smile, "we'll never forget the people who got us there."

Sports challeng E

PLAYING DEFENDER WITH KISS'

The Hit Parader staff issues this challenge: We dare the rock stars to take us on in sports competition. Various events include pinball, ping pong and pool. Other sports will be considered, including mud wrestling (with the proper party, of course). Results will be announced in these pages.

hen we play, it's never too serious," said Kiss' Gene Simmons, hands on the control buttons of Williams' Defender video game as he prepared for an attack. "I'll get you, you bastard," he said, rapidly flicking his starship forward and reverse.

Kiss' famous flame-spitter said he and his fellow band members play video games whenever they're stuck in a hotel away from big-city madness. You couldn't tell by his playing ability, though. Moments later, Simmons was squashed by Hit Parader in a rather quick match. Two quarters later, Gene was back at the controls, again trying to destroy the little green villains. Hit Parader was victorious once more.

Hit Parader persuaded the rock bassist to try his hand at the Kiss pinball machine, an already outdated but classic game. Simmons said he had four of these machines, one of which is in storage, another he keeps in his Manhattan co-op, a third he gave his mom and the last he gave to "a woman who promised me heaven." The Kiss machine at home joins the company of his Gunslinger and X-rated Peep View machines.

"Paul Stanley buys the hand-held video games. He's got the one where a building is on fire and a mother has to throw her babies out the window," he laughed. "You have to set up the firemen so they catch the babies in the net for points."

Two quarters went into the Kiss machine. We warned him that Hit Parader has sunk many a coin into the top-of-the-line game. Simmons manned the flippers and showed unique skills in the game, like shaking the machine at inappropriate times. He lost the first five-ball game by a substantial margin.

"C'mon," he shouted at **Hit Parader**, "play fair." Simmons was trounced in a second game, losing by more than 100,000 points.

"You see through losing, I win," he said. "By losing, women with pronounced breasts feel sorry for me and crush my face and eager mouth into their chests, where I pout and drool in defeat."

GENE SIMMONS



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We left Broadway Arcade and went across the street, where an art shop displayed three feet tall sculptures of Simmons and Donna Summer in the window. The fully costumed sculpture, done in wood and featuring Simmons' long red tongue and platform boots, was priced at \$2,500. The salesperson tried earnestly to sell the work to the rocker, but Simmons only responded by trying to "get between her thighs."

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"I can see the Hit Parader headline now," he joked outside the store moments later, "'Simmons strikes out at the arcade and the art shop.'"

We smirked. Simmons grew impatient, took a deep breath, turned to us and broiled us to a crisp.□

Vide Qie W by Dianne Noel



uch has been written about the use of videos to introduce dazzling new artists to the charts and our hearts; but an effective video also can revive a band's sagging career. Golden Earring is one such group that should say "I want my MTV" due to the constant playing and replaying of their Twilight Zone video on Music Television and other cable systems.

Golden Earring is familiar to older rock and roll fans. Around 1974, this group from Holland seemed to have a hit-filled future in store. Their memorable, longer-than-usual single, Radar Love, was one of the most played and requested tunes on album-oriented rock and Top 40 stations alike; why, it was the summer song of the year! Many a bar band pleased its followers with a rendition of this hit "just like the original." Even the Who enjoyed the sound of Golden Earring; the group released records on the Who's Track Records for a time and successfully opened huge shows for the Who as well.

In Holland, Golden Earring's hits and popularity continued throughout the remainder of the 1970s and into the '80s as well. In America, however, the group was known for the one powerhouse tune and little else. But Golden Earring tuned to an art form of the '80s to make an impact on a whole new generation of rock fans.

In a recent interview with **Hit Parader**, guitarist George Kooymans discussed the video which gave the group a Top 10 single. "We spent \$15,000 on the first video, which we thought was a very substantial amount. We then found out that people like Fleetwood Mac and Billy Joel spent 10 times as much on theirs! We think ours turned out remarkably well considering the amount we put into it." The secret-agent mini-drama took three days for the group to film.

Of course, anyone familiar with MTV knows the Twilight Zone video by heart. The shadowy figure (played by vocalist Barry Hay), stuffing a dead body in a drawer, meeting a female double agent who has love and his murder on her mind, a brutal interrogation which includes three leatherclad lady dancers and a hypodermic needle, and the final shot of Hay blindfolded and bound, facing an uncertain fate. This short flick cuts away from time to time to a theater, where Hay belts out his song with a backup trio in trenchcoats; fellow band members Kooymans, Cesar Zuiderwijk and Rinus Gerritsen. The video itself is not terribly colorful; its predominant tones are beige and gray. The cutting from the plot to the theater and back can be confusing. But there is no doubt that many of you liked it and requested its frequent airings on MTV. Twilight Zone spent several weeks in heavy rotation.

An interesting side note to the saga of *Twilight Zone* is that two versions of this video exist. Scenes of Hay being shot, that large hypodermic needle and bits of nudity led to the editing of a softer, less racy version suitable for MTV

"Video helped break the album and bring the



Golden Earring: Their recent videos helped reintroduce them to a new generation of rock fans.

band into the public eye once again," Kooymans admitted. He feels the three main elements which help a band sell records are radio, touring and video, and the video has been as important as touring in bringing Golden Earring to new fans. Radio picked up on *Twilight Zone* after the clip had been aired repeatedly on cable TV and in clubs.

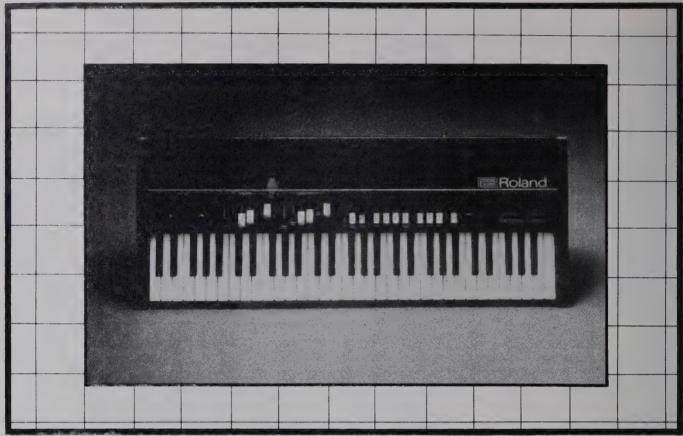
Twilight Zone has been such a success that Golden Earring now has a second video out to illustrate The Devil Made Me Do It off the album, Cut. This video cost \$2,000 and had been "very much an afterthought," according to Kooymans. Yet, this "afterthought" shows off the band performing a more fast-paced song in a lively manner, and the clip itself is more colorful and crisp-looking.

Golden Earring now has plans to make three or four videos from tracks on their forthcoming LP, which they are currently recording. "We realize this is the way to go," Kooymans says. Now that the group has been successful with *Twilight Zone*, they are confident of more financial support and better production ideas. It will be interesting to watch what these resurrected rockers from Holland come up with next!

VIEWS ON VIDEOS

Journey: Separate Ways: How refreshing it is to see Journey away from a straight concert setting! Steve Perry and the boys look terrific and some of the camera work is interesting. I especially enjoy when the group is playing the instrumental break before the final chorus ... Jonathan Cain's right hand sweeps across the organ and looks as if he's about to hit you in the face. Many close-ups of the popular Mr. Perry will surely please his teen female fans. Journey obviously put some thought and care into this clip, and it shows. Good for them!

INSTRUMENTALLY SPEAKING by Michael Shore



The Roland VK-09: a hybrid of the Hammond and Farfisa at a very reasonable price.

t's organ time here at Instrumentally Speaking, mainly because those enterprising and inventive people over at Roland Corp. have come up with what may be the ultimate rock organ. And since the organ is one of the most often used keyboards in rock, the Roland VK-09 electronic organ may be one of the rock keyboards — especially for you budget-minded Hit Parader readers who may not be able to afford a massive Hammond B-3, or a vintage Farfisa, or a Prophet 5 or 10 synthesizer.

In fact, one of the best things about the VK-09 is that it settles one of rock's longest-standing keyboard debates: Hammond vs. Farfisa (or Vox. since both Farfisa and Vox organs share a very similar sound you know, the Doors, 96 Tears, Elvis Costello, early Blondie ...). Some people prefer the majestic, churchy fullness of the Hammond and its whirring "tone-wheel" sound. Some like the thinner, "cheaper" but equally distinctive circuitry sound of a Farfisa or Vox, where the electronic hum of the oscillator that creates the tone is easy to hear. (Farfisas were, in a sense, some of the first synthesizers, since they were completely

electronic.) I personally prefer the Farfisa sound, but then I hear something like Procol Harum's Whiter Shade of Pale and I have to give the Hammond its due.

Roland, in a really beautiful move, has given both their due. The VK-09 is a hybrid: it's all electronic, but it uses drawbars to control the voicings and the depth (by "footage" - you know, the 16-foot slider, eight-foot slider and so on that you see on Hammonds and church organs) of tone. It has two sets of drawbars: "Sine Wave" drawbars to give you the full, Hammond sound; and "Bright Wave" drawbars for the compact, piercing Farfisa sound. For each voice, there are 16, 8, 5 and 1/3, 4, 2 and 2/3, and 2-foot drawbars, which isn't quite a full complement but is certainly all you ought to need.

So now, in one compact keyboard, you can get either or both classic organ sounds — or you can mix them together as you see fit. It doesn't stop there: the VK-09 also has a pow-pow-powerful percussion section with second and third harmonic percussion buttons, as well as controls for soft or loud percussive volume and for fast decay. There's a sustain section with an on/off control and a

dial for sustain length. And finally, in another brilliant move, there's a builtin chorus vibrato with variable speed, so you can get that whooshing Leslierotary-speaker effect without any external cabinets or pedals.

Now don't get me wrong, there are plenty of other fine compact organs out on the market. Curmar makes several winners, like the T1-C and the T-2, but they start at over \$1,500 and go up near the \$3,000 range. Hohner's C-86 is a versatile portable organ that also has split keyboard, piano voice and manual bass (sort of a grandson of RMI's old Electra, which Tony Banks of Genesis used to use), but it lists for close to \$2,000. Korg's CX-3 is a very strong contender: a singlemanual compact with five octave, 61note keyboard, like the Roland, builtin rotary-speaker effect like the Roland, nine drawbars, and a "keyclick" percussion feature comparable to Roland's harmonic percussion. But the Korg CX-3 lists for about \$1,500.

Here's my point: they're all good organs — and in a pinch, you could get a much cheaper Casio portakeyboard and get a serviceable organ sound — but the Roland VK-09, with all its versatility, lists for just \$995. And that, my friends, is a real steal.



Recently we covered Remo's innovative and affordable "pre-tuned" drum line. They've already responded to one demand of typical rock drummers by introducing a pre-tuned concert/rock snare in a deeper, 14-inch by 6½-inch size, perfect for drummers who want a big, deep snare sound that can't quite be gotten out of a regular 14-inch by 5½-inch snare. Designated as the PT-9214-SN Concert/Rock Royal Snare, it's made of high-density laminate for a very bright, penetrating sound, and comes in white finish only as of now. Best of all, it'll help you sound like Bonzo Bonham for just \$62.50! For more information, write: Remo Inc., 12804 Raymer Street, N. Hollywood, CA 91605.

Avedis Zildjian, the world's most-respected maker of cymbals, has added a new cymbal to its already vast line: a paper-thin crash cymbal which gives a quick, explosive crash that cuts out quickly — sort of like a bigger version of a splash cymbal. Paiste, Zildjian's biggest competitor, has been making paper-thins for some time, but only in their easily-broken Formula 602 weight, meant for jazz drummers. A Zildjian paper-thin is far less likely to crack, as most drummers probably already know. The paper-thin crash is available in 14-inch, 15-inch, 16-inch and 17-inch diameters, with prices starting at under \$100. For more information, write: R.A. Zildjian, Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA 02061.



Rogers Drums announces three new drum lines, and the big news is that they're all priced under \$1,000. The R-360 is a standard 5-piece kit in black or white finish, with 9-ply mahogany shells, no-creep spurs for bass drum and hi-hat stand, and a 10-lug all-steel snare drum. The 5piece R-380 also features 9-ply mahogany shells (both kits have tom-toms sized 12" by 8", 13" x 9", and 16" x 16", with 14" x 5½" snare drum and 22" by 14" bass drum), and heavier-duty hardware than the R-360. The R-380 is available in black, white or natural mahogany finish. The other new Rogers drum line is the R-340, a "pre-tuned" system like the Remo PTS kit recently featured in this column; R-340 kits, aimed especially at beginners, come in three-, four- or fivepiece sets, including bass drum pedal, hi-hat, snare and cymbal stands. For more information write Rogers Drums, 1300 E. Valencia Drive, Fullerton, CA 92634.



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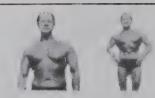
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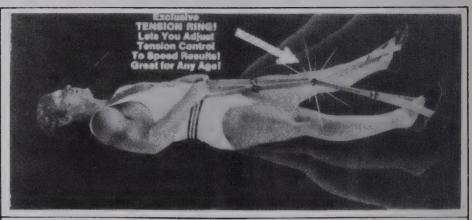


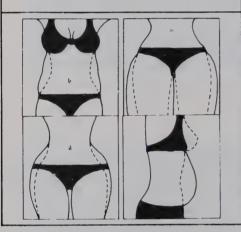
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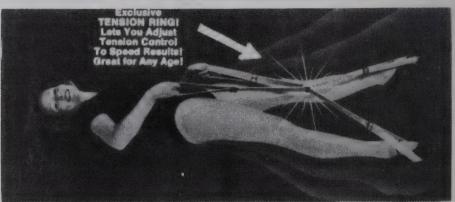
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COOL PLACES

(As recorded by Sparks and Jane Wiedlin)

> RON MAEL RUSSELL MAEL

> Cool, cool, cool.

I wanna go to cool places with you I wanna take you cool places tonight I wanna go where nobody's a fool And no one says uh, "hey girl, need a light?"

I want to move like this and that A minimum of chit chat I never wanna cool down, cool down Cool, cool, cool places tonight.

I gotta tell you you're lookin' real good

They let us in so I'm feelin' all right I like to go where sometimes they refuse

Yeah I remember last Saturday night But I'm feeling cooler now And they could tell we're cooler now It's obvious we're cooler now, cooler now

Cool, cool, cool places tonight.

Cooler now, cooler now, cooler

now, cooler now

I wanna go, I wanna go I wanna go, I wanna go

I wanna go, I wanna go

I wanna go, I wanna go

I wanna go, I wanna go

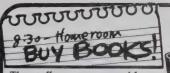
I wanna go.

I want to go to cool places tonight I wanna go to cool places with you And after that we'll slip out for a bite A coffee shop and toast, coffee and iuice

And then we'll sleep to five p.m. And start it up all over again I never wanna cool down, cool down

> Cool, cool, cool I wanna go, I wanna go I wanna go, I wanna go I wanna go, I wanna go Cool, cool places Cool, cool places Cool, cool, cool Cool, cool places Cool, cool places Cool, cool, cool Where's the cool places Where's the cool places.

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ROLL ME AWAY

(As recorded by Bob Seger & the Silver Bullet Band)

BOB SEGER

Took a look down a westbound road
Right away I made my choice
Headed out to my big two wheeler
I was tired of my own voice
Took a bead on the northern plains
and just rolled that power on.

Twelve hours out of Mackinaw City
Stopped in a bar to have a brew
Met a girl and we had a few drinks
And I told her what I'd decided to do
She looked out the window a long,
long moment

Then she looked into my eyes She didn't have to say a thing I know what she was thinkin'.

Roll, roll me away
Won't you roll me away tonight
I too am lost
I feel double crossed
And I'm sick of what's wrong and
what's right
We never even said a word
We just walked out and got on that

And we rolled And we rolled clean out of sight.

We rolled across the high plains Deep into the mountains Felt so good to me Fin'lly feelin' free.

Somewhere along a high road
The air began to turn cold
She said she missed her home
I headed on alone oh.

Stood alone on a mountain top
Starin' out at the Great Divide
I could go east
I could go west
It was all up to me to decide
Just then I saw a young hawk flyin'
And my soul began to rise
And pretty soon
My heart was singin'.

Roll, roll me away
I'm gonna roll me away tonight
Gotta keep rollin' gotta keep ridin'
Keep searchin' till I find what's right
And as the sunset faded
I spoke to the faintest first starlight.

And I said next time Next time We'll get it right. Roll me away Roll me away.

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AFFAIR OF THE HEART

(As recorded by Rick Springfield)

RICK SPRINGFIELD BLAISE TOSTI DANNY TATE

Heart in my mouth
Pulse in my head
Mercury rising into the red
The smell of your skin can light up
all the fires in me.

Hungry to touch
I'm eager to please
Out of control and I hand you the
keys

Every night I am burning to make love to you.

But don't try to tell me
You think it's all physical
It goes much deeper than that
You ought to know
It's an affair of the heart
It's an affair of the heart
It's an affair of the heart
Have a little blind faith
Belleve it's an affair of the heart.

When we make love
It's a passionate thing
You shudder and shake
Sink your teeth in my skin
I almost believe you were made to be
played by my hands.

And you got the power
It amazes me still
How you play my emotions with
consummate skill
I don't have to look any further than
into your eyes.

So don't try to tell me
You think it's just physical
It goes way deeper than that
You better know
It's an affair of the heart
It's an affair of the heart
It's an affair of the heart
Have a little blind faith
Believe it's an affair of the heart.

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You think it's all physical
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(As recorded by Kajagoogoo)

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Tongue tied or short of breath
Don't even try
Try a little harder
Something's wrong I'm not naive
You must be strong
Ooh baby try
Hey girl
Move a little closer.
You're too shy, shy
Hush, hush eye to eye
Too shy, shy hush,

Too shy, shy hush, hush.

Modern medicine falls short of your complaint
Try a little harder
You're moving in circles won't you dilate
Ooh baby try
Hey girl

You're too shy, shy
Hush, hush eye to eye
Too shy, shy hush, hush
Too shy, shy
Hush, hush eye to eye
Too shy, shy hush, hush.
(Repeat)

Move a little closer.

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FAITHFULLY

(As recorded by Journey)

J. CAIN

Highway run Into the midnight sun Wheels go round and round You're on my mind **Restless hearts** Sleep alone tonight Sendin' all my love Along the wire. They say that the road Ain't no place to start a family Right down the line It's been you and me And lovin' a music man Ain't always what it's supposed to be Oh girl you stand by me I'm forever yours Faithfully. Circus life Under the big top world

To make us smile
Through space and time
Always another show
Wondering where I am
Lost without you.
And being apart ain't easy

On this love affair
Two strangers learn to fall in love
again
I get the joy of rediscovering you

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Oh girl you stand by me
I'm forever yours
Faithfully.

Oh, oh, oh, oh Faithfully I'm still yours.

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NO TIME FOR TALK

We all need the clowns

(As recorded by Christopher Cross)

CHRISTOPHER CROSS

Well I read it in town
In the melancholy news
The front page story is our love is
through

The hand of time is cold I can't stand to hear the truth Somehow I won't believe it Till I've heard it from you.

There's no time for talk
And there's no place for tears
And there's no reason to wonder
After all of these years
Sure we had some good times

And so who's to blame
It's so hard to tell when you both feel
the pain.

After the years have come and gone

The struggle to forget you will have just begun
We had our ups and downs
But one thing's for sure
No one will ever love you more.
There's no time for talk
And there's no place for tears
And there's no reason to wonder
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The hand of time is cold

I can't stand to hear the truth Somehow I won't believe it Till I've heard it from you.

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WHITE WEDDING (Part 1)

(As recorded by Billy Idol)

BILLY IDOL

Hey little sister what have you done Hey little sister who's the only one Hey little sister who's your superman

Hey little sister who's the one you want

Hey little sister shotgun.

It's a nice day to start again it's a nice day for a white wedding It's a nice day to start again.

Hey little sister who is it you're with Hey little sister what's your weisse wish

Hey little sister shotgun oh yeah Hey little sister who's your superman

Hey little sister shotgun.

It's a nice day to start again It's a nice day for a white wedding It's a nice day to start again oh.

> Pick it up Take me back home yeah.

Hey little sister what have you done Hey little sister who's the only one (only one)

I've been away for so long (so long) I've been away for so long (so long) I let you go for so long.

It's a nice day to start again Come on it's a nice day for a white wedding

It's a nice day to start again wow.

There is nothing fair in this world There is nothing safe in this world And there's nothing sure in this world

And there's nothing pure in this world

Look for something left in this world Start again come on.

It's a nice day for a white wedding Wow it's a nice day to start again It's a nice day to start again It's a nice day to start again.

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GIMME ALL YOUR

(As recorded by ZZ Top)

BILLY GIBBONS DUSTY HILL FRANK BEARD

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Of what you got
It's oh so sweet
You got to make it hot
Like a boomerang I need a repeat.

Gimme all your lovin'
All your hugs and kisses too
Gimme all your lovin'
Don't let up until we're through.

You got to whip it up

And hit me like a ton of lead

If I blow my top

Will you let it go to your head.

Gimme all your lovin'
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Don't let up until we're through.

You got to move it up
And use it like a screwball would
You got to pack it up
And work it like a new boy should.

Gimme all your lovin'
All your hugs and kisses too
Gimme all your lovin'
Don't let up until we're through.

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NEVER GIVE UP

(As recorded by Sammy Hagar)

ALAN PASQUA KEITH OLSEN

Gotta see how far I can go
Gonna make it to the late show
Need to find a new romance
Then I saw you all alone
How can I make any feelin's known
And not leave it up to chance.

Should I call your bluff And let you know what I'm thinkin' of It's black and white and I'm not lyin' If it takes all night I'll keep on tryin'.

I'll never give up
No I'll never give up on you
I'll never give up
No I'll never give up
I just gotta be with you.

Had my share of ups and downs
Don't tell me that I'm out of bounds
You're no master of deception
I can see what's in your eyes
Kinda makes me want to fantasize
'Cause I know there's no exception.

Gonna call your bluff
And tell you what I'm thinkin' of
It's black and white and I'm not lyin'
If it takes all night I'll keep on tryin'.

l'il never give up
No l'il never give up on you
l'il never give up
No l'il never give up
I just gotta be with you.

Stop and look around you And see if you can find Someone who cares about you A love you can't deny. (Repeat chorus)

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SO WRONG

(As recorded by Patrick Simmons)

PATRICK SIMMONS CHRIS THOMPSON

They were young
Living for the moment
Hearts on fire
Burning in the night
Hopeless love
Driving them together
I don't know why.

Vicious words
Cut them like a razor
Flithy lies
Tearing them apart
So they run
Clinging to each other
Can't get too far.

So wrong, so wrong
How could they be
So wrong, so wrong
How could love be so wrong
I don't know why.

Late at night
Tryin' for the border
Through the police rendezvous
Warning shots
Flyin' all around
What can they do.

So wrong, so wrong
How could they be
So wrong, so wrong
How could love be so wrong
I don't know why.
(Repeat)

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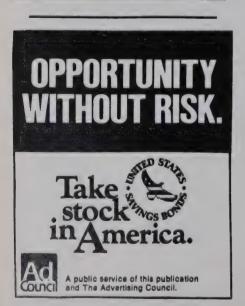
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NOT NOW JOHN

(As recorded by Pink Floyd)

ROGER WATERS

F... all that
We've got to get on with these
Got to compete with the wily
Japanese
There's too many home fires
burning
And not enough trees
So f... all that
We've got to get on with these.

Can't stop, los job, mind gone, silicon

What bomb, get away, pay day, make hay

Break down, need fix, big six

Clickity click, hold on, oh no, brrrrrrring bingo.

Make 'em laugh Make 'em cry Make 'em dance in the aisles Make 'em pay Make 'em stay Make 'em feel ok.

Not nah John
We've got to get on with the film
show
Hollywood waits at the end of the
rainbow
Who cares what it's about
As long as the kids go
So not now John
We've got to get on with the show.

Hang on John

I've got to get on with this

Don't know what it is

But it fits on here like

Come at the end of the shift

We'll go and get pissed

But not now John
I got to get on with this.

Hold on John
I think there's something good on
I used to read books but
It could be the news
Or some other abuse
Or it could be reusable shows.

F... all that

We've got to get on with these
Got to compete with the wily
Japanese
No need to worry about the
Vietnamese
Got to bring the Russian bear to his
knees
Well maybe not the Russian bear
Maybe the Swedes
We showed Argentina
Now let's go and show these
Make us feel tough
And wouldn't Maggie be pleased
Nah nah nah nah nah nah.

S'cusi dove il bar Se para collo pou eine toe bar S'il vous plait ou est le bar Ol' where's the f... bar John.

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FOOL MOON FIRE

(As recorded by Walter Egan)

WALTER EGAN

I once was a fresh young kid Nothin' could drag me down I lived and I loved what I did No one could turn it 'round I laughed and I joked with my friends They don't suspect a thing Alone by the light of the moon A change comes over me.

How can I spend this lunacy
Feeding my dark desire
Look at the night turn scarlet cool
It's the fool moon fire.

Day after day it's no use
At night there's something changed
I just gotta play it loose
Be cool but it's gettin' strange
I know it won't be long before the
world can see
Alone in the light of the moon

My mad lycanthropy.

How can I spend this lunacy
Feeding my dark desire
Look at the night turn scarlet cool
It's the fool moon fire.

Now my friend you know
It's so, so hard to say
'Cause sometimes darkness beats
Defeats the light of day.

How can I spend this lunacy
Feeding my dark desire
Look at the night turn scarlet cool
It's the fool moon fire
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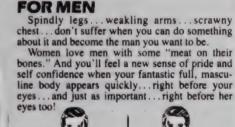
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OUR HOUSE

(As recorded by Madness)

CHARLES SMYTH CHRISTOPHER FOREMAN

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> Our house in the middle of our street Our house In the middle of our.

Our house it has a crowd There's always something happening And it's usually quite loud Our Mum she's so house-proud Nothing ever slows her down And a mess is not allowed.

> Our house In the middle of our street Our house In the middle of our.

Our house In the middle of our street Something tells you that you've got to get away from It Our house in the middle of our.

Father gets up late for work Mother has to iron his shirt Then she sends the kids to school Sees them off with a small kiss She's the one they're going to miss in lots of ways.

Our house in In the middle of our street Our house In the middle of our.

I remember way back then When everything was true and when We would have such a very good time such a fine time Such a happy time And I remember how we'd play Simply waste the day away Then we'd say Nothing would come between us Two dreamers.

Father wears his Sunday best Mother's tired she needs a rest The kids are playing up downstairs Sister's sighing in her sleep Brother's got a date to keep He can't hang around.

> Our house In the middle of our street Our house In the middle of our street. (Repeat)

Our house Was our castle and our keep Our house In the middle of our street.

Qur house That was where we used to sleep Our house In the middle of our street.

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(As recorded by A Flock Of Seagulis)

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If I had a photograph of you It's something to remind me i wouldn't spend my life just wishing.

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If I had a photograph of you It's something to remind me I wouldn't spend my life just wishing.

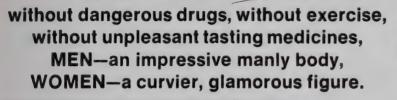
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by Andy Secher

Trance, Power Infusion

In the wake of the Scorpions' international success, Germany has recently turned into a hotbed of rock and roll activity. Along with Accept (covered last issue), Trance rank at the top of the Teutonic heavy metal sweepstakes. On their latest album, Power Infusion, guitarist/vocalist Lothar Antoni, guitarist Markus Berger, bassist, Thomas Klein and drummer Jurgen Baum create a powerful, melodic sound that while bearing a strong Scorps influence, avoids being overly derivative. Such numbers as Heavy Metal Queen, Shock Power and Burn Your Lies bear the unmistakable brand of first-class metal mayhem. Rating: ****

Warning, Warning

Nations never before known as rock and roll strongholds continue to make significant contributions to the 'new wave' of heavy metal. Warning is a French-based quintet who prove that strong melodies and crunching guitar riffs can overcome any language barrier. While vocalist Raphael Garrido writes and sings only in French, the stunning lead guitar work of Christophe Aubert turns numbers like Strange Way Of Love and Rock City into volcanic showcase for the band's special brand of heavy magic. Rating:

The Cockney Rejects, The Wild Ones

The discovery of former UFO — and current Waysted — bassist Pete Way (who produced this LP), the Cockney Rejects have quickly developed a strong following on the British pub circuit. Rallying around the frenzied guitar riffs on Micky Geggus and the over-the-top vocals of Jefferson Turner, on their album **The Wild Ones**, the Rejects blend traditional metal formulas with an exuberant, hard-hitting style that makes for a

head-banging good time. On such tracks as Satellite City and Way of the Rocker, the Rejects show that they're a band to watch for in the months to come.

Rating: ****

Acid, Acid

With the emergence of bands such as Rock Goddess and Girlschool, it seems that more and more women are becoming part of the HM scene. Acid, a hard-rocking quintet who hail from Belgium, are fronted by a lady named simply Kate, who possesses a set of pipes that seem determined to tear any stereo speakers asunder. While the band's approach is a bit simplistic and predictable, Kate's leather-lunged style makes Acid more than a mere curiosity. Rating: **

Great White, Out Of The Night; Ratt, Ratt

While neither **Out Of The Night** nor **Ratt** are true "import" albums, both of these mini-LPs can probably be found only in specialty record shops. The extra effort required to find them, however, will be well rewarded — both are hard-rocking extravaganzas that show American metal to be in very healthy condition. Both Great White and Ratt hail from Los Angeles, one of the strongholds of new American metal music. Utilizing style that's pure blitzkrieg bop, such vinyl opuses as Ratt's *Sweet Cheater* and Great White's *On Your Knees* rock with power and precision that proves these boys have learned their metal lessons well.

Ratings: Great White ****; Ratt ****

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by Andy Secher

imi Hendrix was magic. Whether it was on such albums as Electric Ladyland and Are You Experienced? or on the concert stage, he represented rock's musical ideal. During his brief but dynamic career in the late '60s, he managed to capture the highenergy excitement that remains the very essence of the rock form.

No one either before or since has demonstrated Hendrix's ability to transform even the most rudimentary guitar passages into awe-inspiring musical excursions. To say that his approach was unique would be passe, for while such contemporaries as Jeff Beck and Eric Clapton used their instruments as controlled musical outlets, Hendrix was able to turn his guitar into a magic wand capable of mesmerizing audiences throughout the world.

"I just try to play what I see in my mind's eye," he told an interviewer shortly before his death. "Sometimes I can just close my eyes and see my music taking on color and shape. To me it's always been a lot more than just notes and sounds — music has to express what you feel in your soul."

Hendrix was the original heavy metal hero. The sight of him on his knees, his body contorted, getting unbelievable sounds out of his Stratocaster by using his teeth and feet as well as his hands on its ever-bending strings, epitomized rock's outrageous side. He represented everything that the form's detractors hated, for he was loud, brash and indignant — a strutting black peacock who flaunted convention with every note he played.

He was truly the first master of the electric guitar, coaxing the instrument into bold pronouncements of rock excitement and gentle washes of artistic color. It was incredible to listen to the power and beauty of the experiences Hendrix communicated. His own emotions, and those of his followers, seemed to take musical form and escape from his wall of amplifiers at an ear-shattering 120 decibels. Everything from the hypnotic power of *Purple Haze* to the vibrant fantasies of *The Wind Cries Mary* could be heard as he built wave upon wave of sound that inevitably climaxed in the soaring musical explosion that was his alone.

"My fingers, my hands and my brain are really just an extension of my inner being trying to get out," he told a British interviewer in 1969. "That inner being is what you hear when I play. It's almost like I let my instincts take over. I don't want to think about what I play — I just want to do it."

While Hendrix was the ultimate rock showman with his electro-shock hairdo, street-wise charm and rainbow-colored outfits, his music remained a sophisticated union of diverse elements. Housed within the manic energies of his songs were complex blues passages, free-flowing jazz riffs and even occasional traces of classical themes. All, however, were freed from their conventional form through the sheer creativity of his performance.

Hendrix was never satisfied to simply play the guitar. Rather, he used its six strings in conjunction with the limitless resources of electricity to create a musical canvas on which he expressed images that were an extension of his very soul. He seemed to draw energy and power directly from the swirling, pounding sound his guitar put forth. What he accomplished was more than a musical phenomenon, however, for here

LEGENDS OF ROCK Jimi Hendrix

This month *Hit Parader* introduces a new column designed to delve back into the rock history book and examine the individuals and bands who helped make rock the most exciting musical form of all time. In upcoming editions we'll present the likes of Cream, T. Rex, Free, The Doors, Deep Purple, Creedence Clearwater Revival and Lynyrd Skynyrd—as well as surprise features written by the artists themselves.



Jimi Hendrix: The original heavy metal hero.

was a black man and a white guitar acting as one, emitting a sound that seemed to be a clarion call to an entire generation, extolling them to arise and be heard.

"Sometimes I have difficulty in understanding the people who make me out to be some sort of hero," he said. "I'm just a man playing some blues guitar, and all the people treat me like I'm something special. Don't get me wrong, I love the attention, but sometimes when I'm alone I try to understand what the real attraction is. Can it be the music? Man, I'd love to think that so many people are getting off on that. Somehow, though, I think it's something bigger, like all the people are seeing something in me that isn't really

there.'

Hendrix was truly the "voodoo child" — an urban witch doctor who served as a spokesman for a generation that was searching for music that could communicate the special joys and complex frustrations associated with just being young. Eventually, the fires produced by his magnetism served to consume the very core of his art. Yet, while he lived to be only 27 years old, he created a musical legacy that remains unmatched within the realm of popular music. Despite the fact that more than a dozen years have passed since his death, the accomplishments of James Marshall Hendrix will never be forgotten.

BLACKFOOT

on the Warpath

New Album And New Member

Bring Band To The Verge Of Stardom.

The new Blackfoot (left to right): Jakson Spires, Charlie Hargrett, Rick Medlocke, Ken Hensley, Greg T. Walker.



by Andy Secher

iogo, the title of Blackfoot's sixth album, is a word shrouded in mystery. According to the band's record company, the term means "brotherhood" in some ancient Indian dialect. Blackfoot's manager, however, explains that the phrase is a code word the group members use to express their desire for commercial success. But, to the band's guitarist/vocalist/songwriter Rick Medlocke, the term has an entirely different meaning.

"Sheeit," Rick groaned as he heard some of the definitions that had been offered for the mysterious **Siogo.** "The word comes from our last tour," he explained. "Everywhere we went we found ourselves surrounded by some of the finest ladies you'd ever want to

meet. Most of 'em were real friendly, but some of 'em were just there to grab a free beer and maybe get a ride to the next town. We want the women we hang out with to be ready for business, so we developed the S.I.O.G.O. philosophy. All that really means is 'suck it or get out,'" he laughed. "It's as simple as that. I'm glad there's a bit of mystery surrounding the word, but this band's never been too concerned with secret codes or hidden meanings. We're a pretty direct group of fuckers; we like our lives and our music one way — fast and

simple.' Fast and simple may be the perfect way to describe Blackfoot's musical attitude. Over the last five years, since the release of their third album, the million-selling Strikes, this Florida-based band has emerged as one of the hardest rocking and hardest living groups in rock and roll. Medlocke, bassist Greg T. Walker, drummer Jakson Spires, guitarist Charlie Hargrett and the newest member, keyboardist Ken Hensley, have gone to great lengths to prove that they are "more than just another southern rock band." With the release of Siogo, Blackfoot's melding of British-style metal and traditional American rock and roll has reached what Mediocke calmly called "the point where we feel we're ready to become big stars.

"This is an important album for us," Rick explained as he brushed back his foot-long mane of black hair. "We've been building up a following with each album we've recorded, and we want **Siogo** to be the most successful LP we've ever done. It should be, because it's the best record we've made. It's still real powerful rock and roll, but we've tried to make it accessible to a wide audience. I've really worked on my singing on this record and with the lineup we have now, Blackfoot is ready to make the big move to the top."

Perhaps the most noteworthy aspect of **Siogo** is the fire-and-brimstone keyboard work of Ken Hensley, whose nimble-fingered riffs have brought new life to Blackfoot's guitar-laden sound. On such tunes as *Send Me An Angel*, Hensley (best known to rock fans for his work with British metalists Uriah Heep) has added a depth and strength to Blackfoot's sound that Medlocke feels is the ingredient the band needs to reach its full potential.

"I've been wanting to add a keyboard player to the band for a long time," Rick explained. "Actually, I wanted to do it a couple of albums back, but there always seemed to be some reason we couldn't. Before this record, we all sat around and thought about it again. We realized that the primary problems would be finding someone who would fit in with us both personally and musically. We decided that musically there were only two men we'd like to have in the band - Jon Lord, who used to be in Deep Purple, and Ken Hensley.

"As it happened when we started checking into the availability of either one of them, we found that Ken was working on a solo album. He was very isolated, and nobody seemed able to reach him. Our manager worked out this scheme where we called a friend of Ken's with a proposal to give him a Prophet 5 (a type of keyboard). We knew that would get a reaction out of him. The trick worked because a few days later Ken called up our office asking about the Prophet 5. When we actually got around to proposing that he come down and sit in with us, he was wary - he didn't know where we were coming from. But once we convinced him that we were on the level, he came down and we had a fine ol' time. He fit in right away. After a few days it was like we'd had Ken in the band all along.

In addition to Hensley's keyboard skills, the band was gifted with Ken's talent as a songwriter. The composer of such Uriah Heep favorites as Easy Livin' and Look At Yourself, Hensley's finely honed pop sensibilities have added an additional weapon to Blackfoot's musical arsenal.

"Most of the songwriting has always fallen on the shoulders of me and Jakson," Medlocke said. "I enjoy it, but sometimes it helps to have a new musical voice in the band. Jakson and I have been together so long that our writing style is virtually the same. We both learned music on my daddy's knee, so our influences are the same. Ken came in with an entirely different background, and that gave us a new and exciting element. He's always written hard-rock songs with a very 'pop' feel, and that's a big help to us. Just listen to some of the things on the album to hear the difference he's made. He's added a lot of strength to this band."

"We like our lives and our music one way — fast and simple."

Despite Hensley's songwriting contributions, Blackfoot continues to enjoy much of their notoriety from recording "cover" versions of past rock hits. On previous albums the group has produced knockout copies of Free's classic Wishing Well and Spirit's I Got A Line On You, both of which remain staples of the band's live show. On Siogo, Blackfoot has continued this tradition by laying down a blistering version of Nazareth's Hearts Grown

Rick Mediocke: "We feel we're ready to become big stars."



Cold, which has emerged as the album's first single.

"It's kinda funny how we decided to record that one," Medlocke said. "We had toured with Nazareth a few years back, and they played Hearts Grown Cold on stage every night. Their version was a lot different than ours. They played it almost like a folk song — ours really rocks. The number had an incredible hook to it, and I often discussed it with (Nazareth's vocalist) Dan McCafferty telling him that if they'd speed it up a bit and add another chorus they'd have a hit. They didn't do it, so we did.

"I love doing cover tunes," he added. "If a song is great and we think we can come up with a special interpretation, we have no problem with playing it. Some bands tend to shy away from doing other people's songs, but we don't see why. We're just doing one occasionally. More importantly, the crowds seem to love 'em. We played the Reading Festival over in England, and one of the biggest hands we got was for Wishing Well. We have a lot of British influences in this band, and we're not scared to show 'em.'

Speaking of the group's British influences, it seems that Blackfoot has emerged as a major cult band on the other side of the big pond. In fact, their English following is so strong that last year the group recorded a special "live" album that was released only in the British Isles. That LP, **Highway Song**, quickly shot up the English best-seller charts, and further solidified Blackfoot's international appeal.

While Medlocke is pleased by the band's emergence on the transatlantic rock front, he expressed displeasure over the fact that Highway Song was never released in America. "Blackfoot is a live band, and that was a kick-ass album," he explained. "We've been wanting to do a live album for a long time, and we were very pleased by the material on Highway Song. But our American label thought that it would be smarter for us to release a studio album rather than the live set. They get paid for making decisions like that, but we would have liked the album to come out over here.

"We will have a live album out in America in the near future, I hope," Rick added. "We'll probably record some of the dates on this U.S. tour and see what happens. We're really looking forward to going on tour. With Ken's addition we're more exciting than ever on stage and our sound is real strong. When we go on stage now we're like a coil rattlesnake ready to strike. Hell," he added with a grin, "I don't know if a live album could even hold all our energy any more."

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Rock Vets Combine Talents

In Exciting New Group.

by Charley Crespo

nglish bands in general are a bunch of assholes," said Carmine Appice. "All they care about is drinking and going out. I can't see guys looking at their clocks every day going, 'Gee, is the pub open yet?' I find it boring."

Carmine is glad to be back in an American band again. The celebrated rock drummer has joined forces with renowned guitarist Rick Derringer in a new outfit called DNA. The result is a mini-album called **Party Tested** and a video for the lead-off song, *Doctors of the Universe*.

"Yeah, sure it's a group," Derringer said in response to our suspicious question. "It's Derringer and Appice. That's a group, right? That's more than one."

"DNA is basically me and Rick, as the initials say," added Appice. "It's just like Hall & Oates; is Hall & Oates a group? It's the same sort of concept. Rick and I are the central musicians, and it leaves us open to take whatever and whoever we want on the road."

This is one of the few times in rock history that a supergroup has been formed with only two members. Derringer is known for his work with the McCoys in the 1960s (including a Number One hit in Hang On Sloopy), then for playing with, and producing Johnny and Edgar Winter, before Rock & Roll Hootchie Kooturned him into a solo artist. Appice played in the first progressive-rock band, Vanilla Fudge, in the 1960s before rocking in Cactus, BBA with Jeff Beck and Tim Bogert and with Rod Stewart and Ted Nugent's bands. Both Derringer and Appice have played on many albums by other artists, and both have accumulated gold and platinum records. Each has participated in countless superstar jams and tributes through the years, several

of which were charity fundraisers. Both are hard workers who can simultaneously juggle a handful of projects.

The year isn't even over and Derringer has already produced records for a Japanese AC/DC-like hardrock band called Kodomo Band, actor Adrian Zmed of T.J. Hooker fame and Dr. Demento's sidekick, Weird Al Yankovic, A new Derringer solo album, Good Dirty Fun, has been released in Europe and Japan, and a guitar-method book called Rick Derringer Stealth Guitar, an all-mahogany instrument Derringer designed and swears will be more affordable than guitars with comparable features. The 35-year-old guitarist has a few potential productions on the drawing board, including an album by actor David Keith of An Officer And A Gentleman, The Lords of Discipline and

Independence Day fame. This past spring, Appice

hosted his annual Drum Off tour — a two-week series of drum workshops that incorporated wellknown drummers alongside amateurs. He is now endorsing Slingerland drums and Mattel's new Synsonic electronic drums. a device he uses in DNA's concerts. He is also a teacher and a lecturer, and his five drum-instruction books are being made available in a deluxe edition by Warner Bros. Publications. Appice may go on the road with Nugent again if Ted's projected world tour doesn't conflict with DNA commitments.

DNA came about as a spinoff of the supergroup formed for a series of dates in Japan. That group consisted of Appice, Derringer, ex-Cheap Trick bassist Tom Petersson, former Raspberries guitarist/ vocalist Eric Carmen and ex-Alice Cooper keyboardist/synthesizer player Duane Hitchings. A revamped lineup later did a 20-date tour of the U.S., and Appice and Derringer began considering recording a single or an EP to commemorate their association. The result is the seven-song Party Tested, which qualifies as either a short LP or a long EP.

It all started when Carmine asked me if I would be interested in helping him out on his second solo album, which has never come out to this day because we never did mused Derringer. "Instead, one thing led to another and we did Party Tested. I hope to get a chance to hear it because it's only the start of things to come. The band has fantastic ideals, which have not always been present in all the groups I've been around. DNA didn't think about what the record companies wanted or what was happening on the sales charts. We said we were going to make music that's fun, and fun music is real music.'

"We have electronic music and the virtuosity of heavy metal playing, so maybe we're creating a new kind of fusion: 'heavy wave,' " interjected Appice. "DNA comes down right in the middle. It's sort of a bridge over a gap."□

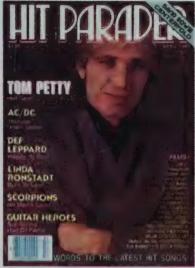
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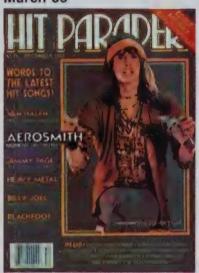
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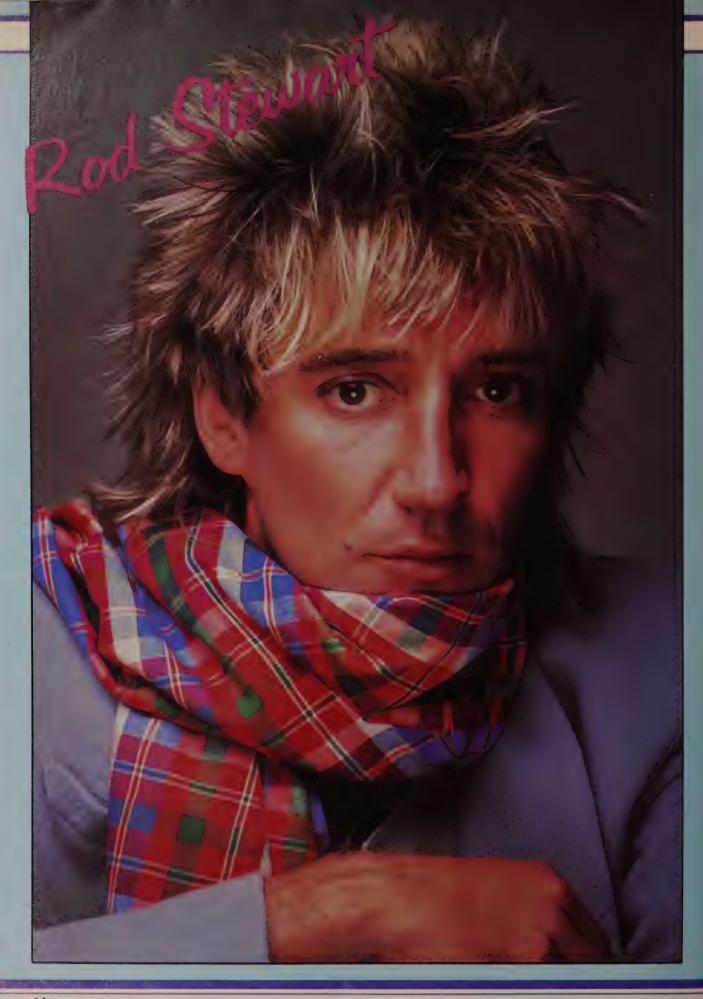
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Rod The Mod Returns To Top Form With Body Wishes.

ONE OF THE BOYS

The scene is the Record Plant, a large recording studio in Hollywood. The occasion is the recording of Rod Stewart's album, Body Wishes. After weeks of work Stewart is anxious to talk about his new project and proposes we go to the pub around the corner. Within minutes after being introduced to each other, we find ourselves behind a couple of glasses, talking about the singing Scotsman's current state of affairs.

Rod is in a great mood, and it's not because of the modest amounts of booze he's downing. The man has a new grip on his career and his personal life, and is eager to get on with it all.

"This tour is the biggest I've ever done. We started May 28 in Luxemburg, after

that we went all over Europe. Now we'll tour South Africa, Australia and Japan. It's my first tour with lots of outdoor gigs."

by Tjerek Lammers

Can we expect an American tour soon?

'Well, there're plans for Elton John and me to tour together next year. Each of us are going to play smaller gigs during the week, 3,000- to 4,000-seaters; and on the weekends we're going to do two big shows. He'll set up stage at one end, and I'll set up at the other end; it will be like a tennis match. I'll play 20 minutes, and then I'll say, "Right you, follow that!" and he'll play 20 minutes of his best songs. It'll be a two-and-a-half-hour show. Don't you think that's great?"

You and Elton always have been good friends, right?

"Oh yeah, we're mates. We're also supposed to do a film next year. It's going to be a cross between some of those old Bing Crosby and Bob Hope films with a bit of the Belushi/Aykroyd humor thrown in. One of those multi-country, slapstick sort of films, it'll be funny, a comedy—that's all Elton and I are good for."

Tell us something about your album Body Wishes.

'The basis of the album is relationships. It's a very up album; there're not as many negative songs on it as there were on the last couple of albums. Foolish Behavior had five songs about death on it — a real down album that was. But that was the period I was going through."

Why were you so down then?

'I probably realized I just married... everything is working out great now, but we went through a terrible period. Alana isn't really a rock and roll fan; she likes Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings. I don't mind country music, but they always sing about the same old bloody things: trucks, crying into your beer, losing your old lady and your dead mother. I have to listen to that all day, with the wife playing it. It's funny, because only last night I had a brainwave that I'd love to make an album with Willie Nelson. I was listening and singing along with some of his songs on the radio, and it sounded so good. The two of us have such unusual voices. But everything's great with the wife now; we are very happy."

Since your songs are about relationships, it's surprising that the album doesn't contain a lot of ballads.

'There's the uptempo, real Rod Stewart tracks on the album. But I'm trying to get a little deeper. I've always been worried about writing about relationships 'cuz I never wanted to expose myself too much. I've always been reluctant to use the word 'love' in any song on the album about my ex-manager and my ex-P.R. man."

You are talking about Billy Gaff and Tony Toon?

"Yeah. I mean, I've just been robbed. Everybody thinks I'm one of the wealthiest guys in the world, but I'm farfrom it. In fact it's just the opposite. I'm not looking for pity, but I'm just trying to get the book straight for once."

You mean you've been robbed of all your money?

"I haven't been robbed of all my money, but I haven't earned what I've supposed to have earned."

Which is just about the same thing.

"I'm not going to say that. It's something I have to talk about very carefully. The thing went to a labor commission, and the results are as follows: I'm no longer on Riva Records even though I had a contract, they no longer got my publishing and Billy Gaff is no longer my manager. So who would you say won the case? I read in the paper the other day that I was selling all my houses because I had to pay Billy Gaff millions of dollars in a settlement. It's just the opposite — he is paying me money!"

"Everybody thinks I'm one of the wealthiest guys in the world, but I'm far from it."

There're a lot of things about you in the papers. Does that bother you?

"So far my 'story' has been told nine times now in England — by four different girlfriends, my ex-P.R. man has done it twice, a road manager did it, and my ex-manager, which is an all-time low. It bothers me because you let people get close to you, and you really think you're mates and you share secrets. I thought if you made a friend, and certainly my manager and my P.R. man were, you know, those things were between us. It makes you very distrustful, it makes you lose faith in human beings. Someone told me you should never make friends with people you pay. Wish I'd known that 10 years ago. Anyway, that's history, tomorrow is a brand naw day and we've got to get on with it."

You have always maintained that songwriting is very hard work for you.

'I'm not a natural like Bernie Taupin, who contributed to the album too. Bernie can knock out a great set of lyrics in one evening, but I can't just go home tonight and write a song 'cuz I feel like it."

Still, most of your lyrics are superb. Have you ever thought about putting them in a book?

"I've done that. Me and Ron Wood have just completed a book that we started in 1968, when we were both playing with Jeff Beck. It's very Monty Pythonesque humor, but you have to remember we started before Monty Python was heard of. We're now looking for a publisher who's mad enough to publish it. It's called A Collection of Annoyances by R. Stewart and R. Wood, or R. Wood and R. Stewart, whichever way. He's a phenomenal sketcher. I don't think there's one person in the world who dislikes Ron Wood. He's a sweetheart — not one bad bone in him."

You are 37 now, but still you're in the middle of the biggest tour you've ever done.

"A couple of months ago I went through a period when I was really petrified of going on the road again. 'Oh I can't do it, I'm too fat, I'm too old and I can't sing anymore.' Now it's all changed. But there's a point in every performer's career — whether you're an actor or a doctor or whatever — when you're not sure whether you can do it anymore."

Midlife crisis?

'Yeah, perhaps that's what it is. But I'm over it now because the album has turned out so well. Also the fact that 23,000 people in Stockholm bought tickets in one single day boosts one's ego. That's very much a part of it to be honest. If we would have sold 5,000 tickets I would have been very disappointed, and would have said, Well, old Stewart, perhaps it's a point for you to call it a day.'"

How do you see your future?

"I'm 37. I can't keep pretending I'm 16. I don't think I'm pretending now, I feel rock and roll in my bones. But there's going to be a day where that's not going to be the case. I wanna always be able to sing. I don't know if I'll be jumping around the stage when I'm 43. I can't honestly see that. I just wanna be someone who can walk on stage, sing a few songs, and just play for 5 or 6 thousand people for once in my life."

Caught in the act

by Jim Feldman

In an era of arena rock razzle-dazzla, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers are somewhat of an anachronism. At their concert at Byrna Arena in Naw Jersey, the group took a refreshingly straightforward approach to their brand of '60s-derived rock, letting the emotional approach to their brand of '60s-derived rock, letting the emotional approach to their brand of '60s-derived rock, letting the emotional approach to their resonances of Petty's finely crafted songs make a direct hit on the resonances of Petty's finely crafted songs make a direct hit on the audience. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audience. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audience. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audience. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences. In a 90-minute-plus set that included hits from all five of their audiences are set that included hits from all five of their audiences are set that included hits from all five

Petty appeared more relaxed than in past performances, and his distinctive vocals had an emotional strength that was well-suited to his songs of love lost or fulfilled and situational angst. Highlights of the concert were Here Comes My Girl, an inspired romantic rocker which came across with a rather grand sweep, and Breakdown, which was delivered as a moody psycho-drama. Indeed, the only bummer was a version of Hang On Sloopy; the song was well-chosen — its simple appeal fits Petty's emotional stance — but it dragged on much too long and was, unfortunately, the group's one "show-off" number.

by Don Mueller

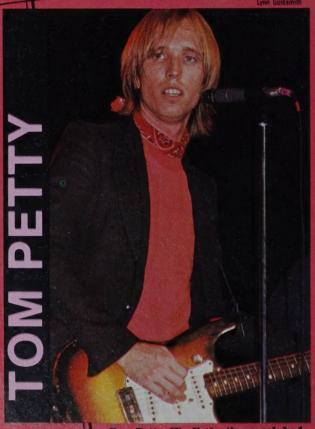
fter years of serving as an opening act for the likes of Pat Benatar, Foreigner and Journey, Billy Squier viewed his first headlining tour as "a chance to put everything I've learned over the years to good use." Appearing in over 40 citics in a little over two months, Squier and band — consisting of drummer Bobby Chouinard, bassist Doug Lubahn, guitarist Jeff Golub and Reyboardist Alan St. Jon — performed a 90-minute set that built keyboardist Alan St. Jon — performed a 90-minute set that built dramatically from the opening chords of Everybody Wants You to the

rip-roaring finale — the Stones' Rip This Joint.

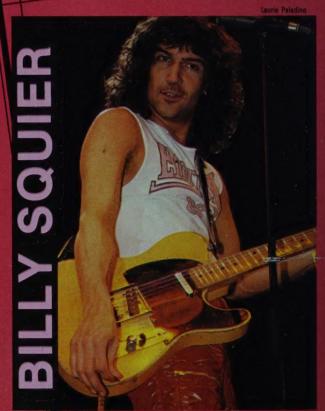
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to their feet, it was obvious that Billy could do no wrong.

"It was unbelievable out there tonight," Billy said as he cooled off in his dressing room following the show. "The one thing that scared me a little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage. There must have been little was the number of fans who came on stage.

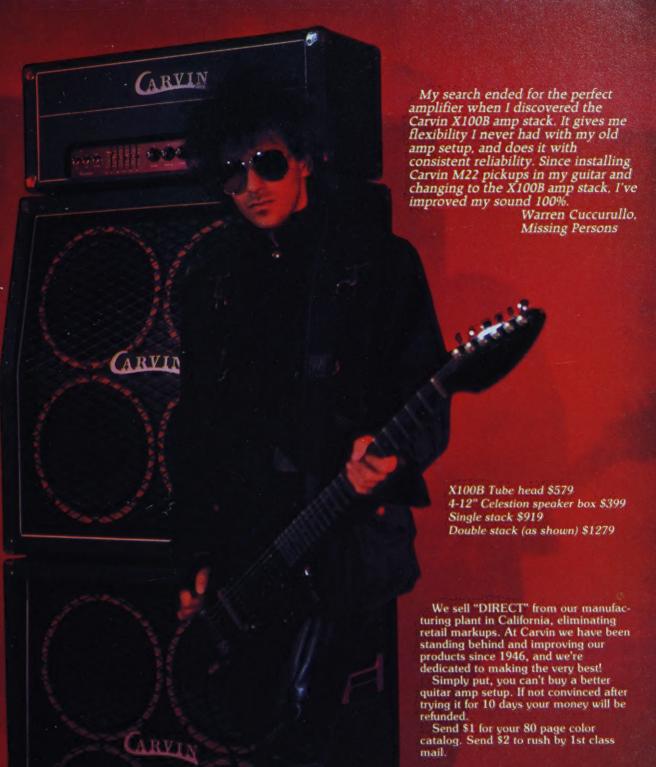


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